









Minute - Book

Montreal Mercantile Library Association

1<sup>st</sup> December 1862







Monday Evening 1<sup>st</sup> December 1869  
Minutes of General Meeting for Election of  
office-bearers for ensuing year. —

Present ~~Mr~~ <sup>W. Vivin</sup> President in the Chair,  
Mr Matchitt Vice Pres. S. Caldecott Cor Sec, A McSivwright  
Treas, and Messrs Jacques, Thomas, and Sutherland  
Directors, and 20 members of the ass<sup>y</sup>. —

In the absence of Mr Sinton, was  
Sivwright requested to act as Recording  
Secretary. —

Minutes of last General Meeting were  
read and confirmed, after which the  
meeting proceeded to ballot for the new  
office Bearers, as follows: —

For President —

S. Caldecott	9 votes	
J. Lyman	1 "	
R. Thomas	1 "	
W. Vivin	1 "	Mr Caldecott declared elected

For Vice President —

W. McLarin	12 votes	
J. Lyman	3 "	
R. Thomas	1 "	
W. Vivin	1 "	Mr McLarin " "

For Corresponding Secretary —

E. Judge	13 votes	
A. Sivwright	2 "	
J. Lyman	1 "	
C. Snowden	1 "	Mr Judge " "

For Recording Secretary —

A. Sivwright	18 votes	
H. Nestor	1 "	Mr Sivwright " "

For Treasurer 1<sup>st</sup> ballot —

G. Jacques	8 vote	
J. Middlemiss	5 "	
R. Thomas	2 "	
J. Lyman	1 "	no election



For Treasurers 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot

G. Jacques 14 votes

J. Middlemiss 6 "

V. Lyman 1 " Mr Jacques declared elected

For Directors

✓ J. B. Steele 14 votes

✓ G. Hector 14 "

✓ H. Sinton 13 "

✓ W. <sup>W.</sup> Whiffin 13 "

✓ S. Filer 12 "

✓ W. Roach 11 "

✓ R. Thomas 11 "

✓ J. Middlemiss 11 "

✓ J. B. Sutherland 9 "

✓ W. Matchitt 9 "

✓ Alf L. Morris 8 "

✓ P. H. Plinsoll 4 "

✓ V. Lyman 4 "

✓ - Workman 3 "

✓ J. Barry 2 "

✓ - Turnbull 1 "

✓ - Jones 1 "

✓ E. Snowden 1 "

✓ A. H. Kemp 1 "

✓ G. W. Beattie 1 "

✓ - Templeton 1 "

✓ J. A. Perkins 1 "

✓ - Miller 1 "

✓ S. P. Caldecott 1 " The first ten were declared elected

The following report was handed in by the Committee appointed at last meeting, all of whom were present.

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Your Committee having carefully examined the Books and affairs of the Association, greatly regret to find its financial condition most deplorable



They find that:-

The debt of the institution is at present 1199.55  
Against this we have  
amount of unpaid Annual sub. 526 1/2  
" " " Special " 222.  
Balance in treasurers hands 71.05 819.80  
372 1/2

But if we allow 1/3 of the unpaid  
Annual sub. for bad debts 175.58  
and say 1/2 of special 111. 286.58  
Thus leaving a debt of \$ 658.33

They also find that the annual expenditure  
far exceeds the annual income:-

Total amt. of expen. 1862 1704.09  
" income from all sources 1464.78  
239.31

But add to this 1/3 of the unpaid  
annual sub. considered uncollectable 175.58  
Deficit for 1862 \$ 415.89

Your Committee would therefore  
recommend that the annual sub. of senior  
members be increased one dollar, which, taking  
the number at 220, will give \$220—

But they find that the expenditure  
of 1863 will be \$100 more than that of 1862,  
making an annual deficit of \$515. from  
which if you deduct the \$220 increased  
subscriptions, will leave a deficit of \$295—

Under these circumstances it becomes  
apparent that if the members intend to carry  
on the Association, they will have to make  
renewed and continued efforts to add to  
their present numbers, which in the opinion  
of your Committee, is the only legitimate  
manner of sustaining the Institution—

To meet the debt now encumbering  
the Association your Committee would



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Decr 1862

This evening there was held a meeting of the two Boards:

Present Mr. Vivin in the chair Messrs S. Caldecott, Hector, Jacques, Judge, Roach & Siemwright

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The retiring President Mr. Vivin, in a few remarks transferred the chair to the President elect (Mr. Caldecott) who accepted it giving expression to his earnest desire, that all who were elected to the Board for 1863. would give him their most hearty cooperation in furthering the interests of the Association.

Letters of resignation were then read from Messrs Morris, Thomas, Sutherland and Middlemess.

On motion of Mr. Vivin seconded by Mr. Hector, these resignations were received and the Secretary requested to communicate to Mr. Thomas the regret which it felt in accepting his —

It was moved by Mr. Siemwright seconded by Mr. Vivin that the ballot for new directors to occupy the place of those who had resigned, be deferred until next meeting.

On motion Messrs Vivin Roach & Siemwright against " Judge Hector & Jacques. The tie was decided by the President's vote in favour of the motion —

Mr. Vivin begged to be excused and left the room.

The Report presented by the Committee appointed at Annual Meeting held in November was read and elicited some discussion —



The Recording Secretary drew attention to the omission to place the legal notice required by law, treating of increase of annual subscription on the part of Senior Members, in a conspicuous part of the Association, and that it could not legally be moved at the General meeting to be held on Monday Jan'y 63

Moved by Mr Judge seconded by Mr Jacques. That any member of the association who shall secure within the present fiscal year - 50 new members who shall have paid their subscription, shall be presented with an Honorary Life-Membership - carried

Moved by Shewright seconded by ~~Hector~~ that Messrs Vivian Judge and Roach be a committee to ascertain what can be done towards getting up a Monster Concert for the benefit of the ass<sup>n</sup>

The suggestions in the report relating to debating society and Annual Reunion were deferred until next meeting for discussion

Moved by Mr Roach sec by Mr Jacques that the Library Committee when appointed be instructed to report on the expediency of removing the books in the Committee Room up stairs to the Library Room on the lower flat, and probable expense which would be incurred in doing so carried —

Moved by Mr Hector seconded by Mr Roach, that the Treasurer be instructed to place in the hands of Mr McCormack - collector, such names from the defaulters



list, as he and the Superintendent may consider difficult to collect themselves carried

It was resolved that a personal canvas for new members be commenced forthwith, and every exertion was pledged, in prosecuting this canvas

Mr Matchitts resignation of the Office of Director was handed in and on Motion of Mr Judge seconded, by Mr Roach was accepted with regret

The President was requested to remonstrate with the Superintendent, for his repeated absence without cause, and to require either his presence, or that of the boy at all hours of the day. ~~for~~

Moved by Mr Jacques seconded by Mr Judge that the Recording Secretary be authorized to purchase a new minute book carried

Moved by Mr Jacques seconded by Mr Hector, that the annual sale of newspapers be advertised to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> inst - carried

The four following Merchant Members were elected Honorary Directors for the ensuing year:-

Hon Tupper H. Holton

J. C. Baker Esq

Henry Thomas Esq

J. M. Thomson Esq

Moved by Mr Judge seconded by Mr Jacques that this meeting do adjourn till Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> inst at 9<sup>pm</sup> Carried

J. M. Merriam  
Rec. Sec.



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Decr 1862

Present, S. Caldecott President in the  
Chair, Messrs Birnie, Sinton, Roach,  
Jacques, Hector, Judge, and Skirbright  
Minutes of last meeting read and  
Confirmed

Ballot for 4 new Directors deferred  
from last meeting, now took place  
and resulted in the Election of

Messrs Wm Bayley

" Wm Turnbull

A.B. Sarage

R.B. Jamieson

Mr R.G. Hector acting as Scrutineer

The Committee appointed to suggest  
means for holding a Monster Concert  
verbally reported:-

That ~~that~~ W.M. Davis had been  
spoken to with the view of getting  
the young Mozart Society to give a  
concert under the auspices of the M.C.  
Mr D. thinks he could give 2 concerts  
in March for \$200. for the two, or, equal  
division of net profits with the  
ass<sup>n</sup> Mr D. will give final  
answers by 20<sup>th</sup> inst

Moved by Mr Sinton Seconded by Mr  
Hector that the Report be referred back  
to the Committee until Mr Davis' answers  
is received on 20<sup>th</sup> inst, and Report <sup>again</sup> at next  
meeting - carried

Mrp Judge and Caldecott reported  
having secured 4 new members

Mr Jacques reported 2 new members  
The President stated that he had  
called the Superintendents attention to  
the complaints of his absence which  
had



been made — The Supt had replied in effect that these complaints were groundless, and stated he would resign at next monthly meeting —

Discussion on subject of Debating Society was again deferred until next meeting.

Discussion on Annual Reunion, indefinitely postponed, the Board not considering it advisable to entertain the idea at present.

The Rec. Sec. was instructed to advertise sale of newspapers on 16<sup>th</sup> inst., in Herald and witnesses.

Moved by Mr Sinton Sec by Mr. Herrinright that the Treasurer, in conjunction with the Class Committee be instructed to revise the List of Members for 1863, and have the names printed and placed in a conspicuous part of the Room — Carried.

Moved by Mr Sinton Sec by Mr. Roach that the President, Treasurer and Rec. Sec. be a committee to procure Life Membership Tickets for issue to Life Members of the ass<sup>n</sup>. Carried.

The President gave brief verbal report of Vanderhoffs lectures, hoped that in presenting final report, that the Lecture Committee will be able to show that nothing was lost by them —

The President submitted the following draft of Committees for 1863, which would be completed at next meeting: —

Finance	Library	Lecture
W. H. Lavin ch <sup>m</sup>	W <sup>m</sup> Herrin ch <sup>m</sup>	E. Judge ch <sup>m</sup>
A. H. Hector	W. Roach	H. Sinton
A. E. Jacques Jr		



Reading Room

S. Giles Ch<sup>m</sup>

A. M. Sierrwright

Class

S. Caldecott

J. L. Steele

Moved by Mr. Hinton sec by Mr. Roach  
that this meeting do adjourn 'til 22<sup>nd</sup> inst  
at 8 p.m.

A. M. Sierrwright

Rec. Sec.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Decr 1862

Present S. Caldecott Pres. in the Chair  
Messrs Bayly, Judge, Hector, Jacques, Roach,  
Jamieson, and Sierrwright

Minutes of last meeting read and  
Confirmed

Communication read from Mr A. B. Sarage  
declining to accept the office of Director

On motion of Mr Judge seconded by  
Mr Jacques Mr Sarages resignation was  
accepted

The Monstev Concert Committee reported  
"that they ~~were~~ had not been able to make  
"any definite arrangements with Mr Davis  
"He refused to bind himself to give a concert  
"next Spring, but assured the Committee  
"that he would endeavour to get his classes  
"into training, - in fact had already com-  
"-menced to do so - and should he decide  
"upon appearing before the public at all,  
"it would be under the auspices of the  
"Ass<sup>n</sup> and upon the terms reported at  
"last meeting. The Committee were of  
"opinion that it would be of no benefit to  
"the ass<sup>n</sup> to give a concert at all, unless  
"a decidedly attractive programme could be



Offered, and apart from Mr Davis, the Com<sup>tee</sup> was at a loss where to look for a leader who would be likely to render a concert popular. Respectfully submitted

On motion of Mr Jacques seconded, by Mr Roach, the report was received.

After some discussion on the subject, it was moved by Mr Hector seconded by Mr Jacques, that the Report be referred back to the Committee to report again at next monthly meeting, and that Mr Bayley's name be added to the Com<sup>tee</sup>. Carried

The Vice President being still absent from the city, it was resolved to again defer the discussion on the Debating Society, until his return

Specimen Life Members tickets was shown by the Com. appointed for that purpose, and approved of

The Ballot for a director in room of Mr Savage, took place and Mr Harry McLaren was elected.

Mr Hector acting as scrutineer. The President submitted the final list of Committees for 1863, as under:—

Finance	Lecture	Library
W.P. McLarin Ch <sup>m</sup>	E. Judge Ch <sup>m</sup>	Wm <sup>m</sup> Hivin Ch <sup>m</sup>
G. E. Jacques Jr	J. C. Vinton	R. G. Jamieson
R. J. Hector	H. McLaren	Walter Roach

Reading Room	Glass
S. Filer Ch <sup>m</sup>	S. Caldecott Ch <sup>m</sup>
Wm <sup>m</sup> Siemwright	J. L. Steele
Wm <sup>m</sup> Bayley	Wm <sup>m</sup> Turnbull



Messrs Judge and Baldecatt reported having secured 5 new members.

Mrs Lewis and Kingan were chosen auditors for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer reported the cost of printing list of members at \$5. Defaulters list not yet made out owing to continued absence of the Superintendent —

The Supt. having intimated his intention to resign at an early day, it was resolved to await the next monthly meeting before taking action upon the complaints which had been preferred against him —

The Rec. Sec. reported a conversation with Mr J. D. McFee agent the Journal, of the House of Commons.

Mr Seiwright moved seconded by Mr Jacques that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to address Mr McFee, thanking him for the interest he had shown, and furnishing him (as requested) with dates and number of volumes of those books. Also in the event of the Government being supplied with them, to request Mr McFee's influence in procuring their disposal —

An amendment <sup>was</sup> proposed by Mr Bayle, and seconded by Mrs Judge:

That before offering to the Government the "Journals of the British House of Commons, the Sec. shall communicate to the authorities of McGill College that there is a probability of said books being disposed of out of the City and before entering into negotiations for that purpose the Ass<sup>n</sup> offers them to the college.



suggesting at same time that a public subscription might enable them to retain in the City so valuable a work.

The amendment being put to the meeting was lost, only the mover and seconds voting for it. The main motion was carried & voting for and against it.

Mr Jacques moved seconded by Sierwright that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to address the Principal of McGill College, requesting him to call the attention of students to the benefits derivable from their joining the ass<sup>y</sup> and stating that the terms for students was only \$2. per annum.

Moved by Mr Sierwright Sec. by Mr Jamieson, that the Cor. Sec. be instructed to address Major Gen Lord Pauley, Commanding the Garrison, offering the free use of the Reading Room to all Officers of his Command - carried -

Mr Sierwright moved, sec. by Mr Roach, that the Library Com<sup>tee</sup> be instructed to sell the Carpet in the outside Com. Room, and the Cupboard or case, in the inner Room up stairs and Report at next meeting - carried

Mr Bayley proposed to see Mr Hill and offer some suggestions regarding the Library at next meeting -

There being no other business a motion of adjournment was unanimously carried -

A. M. Sierwright  
Rec. Sec.  
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Montreal, 5<sup>th</sup> January

This evening was held the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors

Present S. Caldecott President, in the Chair, Messrs McLaren, Fildes, Sinton, Steele, Judge, Hector, Jaques, Jamieson & Stierwright

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

A communication from Mr John Turnbull, declining to serve as a director was read,

on motion of Mr Judge seconded by Mr Jaques Mr Turnbull's resignation was accepted.

The Treasurers monthly report for Dec showed receipts to be <sup>Dec 1 Bal to be</sup> <sup>71.05</sup> <sup>233.93</sup> \$302.98

Expenditure " " 168.08

Balance hand \$136.90

A verbal report from the Reading Room Committee showed that measure would shortly be taken to remove every complaint regarding the management of this department of the association

The Lecture Committee reported: "That whilst during the past month they have not been mindful of their special duties, they have not as yet any direct engagements to report. Your Vice Pres. having lately visited New York kindly undertook at the request of the President and members of the Committee to call upon W. Ward Beecher and Mason Jones, in order if possible to secure their services during the present year." The former whilst refusing to bind himself to lecture before your assn<sup>y</sup>



"leaves us some room to hope that we  
"may be favoured with a visit from  
"him, and it will be the aim of your  
"Committee to leave no step untaken  
"to secure this desirable end.

"Mr Jones has intimated his intention  
"of visiting Canada during the Spring  
"and although his terms are high, your  
"Committee hope to make some favourable  
"engagement with him.

"It is with great pleasure that your  
"Committee report that Mr Vandenhoff  
"has intimated his intention of visiting  
"Montreal early in March - He will  
"probably arrive here on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>  
"of that month

"It has come to the knowledge of your  
"Committee within a few hours that Mr  
"Emerson is at present lecturing before  
"the Ontario Literary Society, in Toronto

"A telegraph has been despatched  
"to him requesting him if possible to  
"lecture before your association during  
"the next week - Up to the present  
"time no reply has been received

The whole respectfully submitted

The Corresponding Secretary reported  
a reply from Major-General Paulet  
accepting on behalf of the Officers of  
the Garrison, the free use of the  
Reading Room

Replies have not yet been received  
from Hon J. D. McCre and Principal  
of McGill College

Attention was drawn to the injustice  
of keeping the Boy so much confined  
especially during the evening, and the



President was requested to look into the matter ~~and report~~ - The members of the Board still considered the Superintendent's absence in the evenings and at other times to be detrimental to the interests of the Ass<sup>n</sup> but refrained for the present from taking any active measures to prevent it, or have a New Superintendent

Mr. Scivwright Rec. Sec. explained that in consequence of recent circumstances, he ~~would~~ be unable to serve the Ass<sup>n</sup> in the Capacity of Rec. Sec. And requested acceptance of his resignation of the Office -

On motion Mr. Scivwright's resignation was received, the President stating that being aware of the nature of the circumstances referred to, he was satisfied that Mr. S. did not resign without sufficient cause

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for a Recording Secretary, when Mr. M. J. M. Jones was elected -

Mr. Scivwright was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Turnbull -

The meeting then <sup>(8 p.m.)</sup> adjourned until the General meeting which was to take place this evening was over

at 9.35 p.m. the Board reassembled for business -

After a lengthy discussion regarding a debating society under the auspices of the Ass<sup>n</sup> the following motion offered by Mr. Scivwright and seconded.



by Mr. Gibb. was unanimously  
accepted:—

"That the after-mentioned gentlemen  
be a committee to draft rules and  
regulations for the proposed Debating  
Society, and report ~~at~~ as soon as  
prepared." Messrs W.P. McLaren. *Chas*  
Caldesott and Judge"

The committee were requested to give  
the Rec. Sec. notice when they were ready  
and instruct him to call a special  
meeting of the Board.  
There being no further business the meeting  
then adjourned.

Asm. D. Cairwright  
Rec. Sec. pro tem.



Montreal 5 January 1863  
Minutes of General meeting held  
this evening <sup>adjourned</sup> in the Reading Room  
of the Association  
Present

The President (S. Caldecott) in the chair,  
9 members of the Board, and about  
15 members of the Association

After the President explained the  
object of the meeting the Secretary  
read the minutes of last general  
meeting which were confirmed

Mr R. S. Hector having given the  
necessary legal notice of motion,

moved Seconded by Mr Giber, that  
the Annual Subscription of Senior  
Members be increased from Three to  
Four Dollars —

After several gentlemen had given  
Expression to their opinion regarding  
the utility of the proposed increase  
the motion was put to the meeting  
and carried *unanim.*

The <sup>subject of</sup> proposed debating society engaged  
attention for some time and elicited  
a resolution moved by Mr Sinton and  
seconded by Mr Steele. "That the Board  
of Directors be instructed to limit the  
Subscription to the proposed Debating  
Society to the sum of One Dollar per  
Annum to members of the Ass<sup>n</sup> — *Carried*

On motion of Mr Seviwright seconded  
by Mr Judge, the meeting then ad-  
journed to meet again on the  
first Monday in May next

A. M. Seviwright  
Rec. Sec., pro. tem.



Montreal January 15/63  
Minutes of Special Meeting held this evening in the  
Reading Room of the Association

Present The President in the chair. Officers  
Mr. Green, Linton, Judge Hector, Sawinight & Jones.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

On the President stating that the Association had been  
requested to subscribe to the Illustrated Canadian News.  
It was moved by Mr. McQueen Sec: by Mr. Linton ~~and~~  
resolved that the Reading Room Committee be instructed  
to take the said paper for the Association.

On Enquiry of Members present the Pres<sup>t</sup> stated that  
Mr. Hamilton Sup<sup>t</sup> had been more punctual & attentive  
lately & that consequently the Roy had had more liberty

Mr. McQueen reported verbally for Committee on projected  
Literary Association. That said Committee had after  
some trouble drafted rules & regulations for proposed Society  
which they would lay before General Public meeting called  
for that purpose

Mr. Judge stated that Mr. R. W. Emerson had consented  
to lecture for the Association at the rate of \$25.00 for one or \$100  
for 2 lectures. & further that he had on behalf of the Assoc<sup>y</sup>  
accepted the latter offer & requested Mr. Emerson to lecture on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> next. That the Rev<sup>d</sup> R<sup>d</sup> McJowan -  
Japanese Missionary was now lecturing in New York.  
on Japan assisted by a large number of Curious from  
that country - with great success. & thought it would be well  
for the Assoc<sup>y</sup> to engage him to deliver a lecture here. Concerning  
which it was moved by Mr. Sawinight Sec<sup>y</sup> by Mr. Green & resolved  
that the Lecture Committee be empowered to engage the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> R<sup>d</sup> McJowan & Mr. Emerson.

Mr. Sawinight volunteered to guarantee to sell 50 Tickets  
for Mr. Emerson's lecture if other 6 would ~~guarantee~~ guarantee  
Each the same number

on Motion of Mr. Judge Sec: by Mr. Sawinight  
the meeting adjourned



Montreal Feby 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Minutes of monthly meeting held this evening.  
President DuRoi in the chair W. L. Linton Judge  
Boach Hector Treviortt Jagers Jones.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed  
Communication from Dr W. L. Linton resigning office of Digest  
being read it was moved W. L. Linton Sec. W. Judge, that  
the resignation of Dr W. L. Linton be accepted.

Lecture Committee presented their report as follows  
Your Committee regret that the prospect of securing Mr Emerson's  
services to deliver 2 lectures for the Ass<sup>n</sup> which seemed so certain at  
the last monthly meeting of the Board, no longer exists - at least for the present  
A letter has been rec<sup>d</sup> from Mr Emerson stating his inability to visit  
Montreal in consequence of disarrangements of his appointments in  
the U. States & the expiration of his leave of absence from home.  
He will be happy to make a future engagement with us and your  
Committee entertain the hope that he may visit us during the  
winter months.

In accordance with the direction of the Board the  
Cor. Secretary has written to Dr W. L. Linton with a view to secure his  
services for one or more lectures - at present no answer has been  
rec<sup>d</sup> from this gentleman

Your Committee regret to report that as yet no answers  
have been rec<sup>d</sup> from other gentlemen who have been addressed  
by the Secretary with the same view. they would mention them John  
Brown - Wendell Phillips & Maria Wendell Holmes - The Com-  
munication addressed to the latter gentleman was however of so  
recent a date that we may perhaps yet hear from him in the  
course of a day or so

Your Com. are not unmindful of the conditional promise  
made to the Ass<sup>n</sup> through your Vice President by Dr. Ward Beecher  
as arranged W. L. will be reminded of that promise in the course  
of the present month and your Com. trust that negotiations  
will result in a visit from the great gentleman -

The pending engagement with Mr Tanderhoff is also kept  
before your Com. & they trust at your next meeting to originate



'you upon the definite fixing of the date of this reading  
'The whole is respectfully submitted

L Judge

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> /63

Chambers Com.

Moved by Mr Judge Sec. Mr Roach <sup>present</sup> that above report be read  
after a short discussion it was moved by Mr Judge Sec. by  
Mr Hector that above report be adopted. Resolved

The names of several gentlemen (having been mentioned  
whom it was desirable to engage to lecture before the Assn)  
it was moved by Mr Lumsight Sec. by Mr Hector <sup>present</sup> that the  
Lecture Com: be authorized to engage Professor Renshaw to deliver  
a course of lectures before Assn -

The Finance Committee having presented their report and  
estimate for the year 1863 on discussion it was moved by  
Mr Linton Sec. by Mr Road & resolved that the Report & estimate  
be referred back to the Committee to give them time to make  
certain changes in same.

The Treasurer's monthly report showed -

Balance on hand Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	136.90	
Receipts during month	279.77	416.67
Expenditure		181.79
Balance on hand.		\$ 234.88

The following is report of Finance Committee of this date.  
In presenting a report & estimate of the Association for the  
current year. Your Committee are glad to be able to show a  
probable surplus in 1862, although the burden of old debt  
while considerably reduced is still formidable enough  
to call for more and greater exertion to reduce it. With  
proper economy in expenditure & attention in collecting the  
income of the Association Your Committee feel confident  
that the estimated surplus of this year may not only  
be realized but through increase of membership may  
be largely added to. The large balance due the Messrs  
Northwick has been the cause of anxiety to the Committee  
as they have been pressed for payment and even threat-  
ened with legal proceedings on account of the debt although  
all danger of this is at present avoided - Your Committee



would strongly impress on the Management the necessity of having the debt Cancelled, and the Association placed on a sound basis during the Current year - I those who have watched the Association in its struggle for very existence during the last few years. it is unnecessary to repeat that this is an absolute necessity - It is a matter of regret that the present Board has had to commence its labors under such an incubus, but it is also a matter of encouragement to note that while the last annual report showed a deficit of nearly \$1200<sup>00</sup> our present estimates reduces it over \$400<sup>00</sup> - It seems to your Committee that the Board of Directors are called upon to note with how little actual effort this improvement has been effected. - & to follow it up in such a way as shall place the Society in the position it should ever maintain - independent & self sustaining -

The mercantile Lib: Assn: I should be indebted to no spasmodic efforts to support it as a first class institution - supplying to the young man the mental relaxation and intellectual food he could seldom if ever obtain in any other way - It is an undoubted fact that the interest of the member at large in the Association has not of late been what it should be - Your Com: are not going beyond their province in noting this fact. for they believe it to be mainly owing to the dilapidated state of the finances that so many of the members have been lukewarm in their own attachment to the Assn & have not made the efforts they otherwise might to induce others to join - The financial Condition then might be improved & the Assn placed on a sound basis if we would place it in the position in which it should be. - We would wish to go even beyond this & suggest the means by which the improvement & additions required - especially in the library - may be within our reach. Looking forward to the time when we will have a permanent library fund (not far distant, we trust) a largely increased library and a host of Lady Subscribers to it -



These and other improvements we would place amongst the things to be looked forward to & expected but in the mean time the chief means by which we obtain the requisite addition to our finances must be by increased membership.

From our lectures Engaged & expected we hope for large addition to our Income but our sure and steady support, must & should come from the membership - Your Committee are ready & willing to put their shoulders to the wheel in earnest - They ask Cooperation & labor from each member of the Board & use every member opportunity to add to the list of members & to join in the determination that the debt of the Assoc<sup>n</sup> must and shall be wiped off without delay.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted  
(sgd) W. P. W. Farces  
Chairman

### Report of Library Committee -

The Library Committee having been appointed to make inquiries upon alterations to be made in the Library report - that advice has been taken from two Carpenter of this city in the matter namely Mr Dickie & Mr Heathfield. Mr Dickie would not undertake the job as required for less than \$2000. Mr Heathfield has sent in his tender, written to Mr Garrison in which he agrees to make sufficient room in the library to hold all the books upstairs by raising the front part two shelves higher & that part against the wall up to the ceiling - he will also remove the desk & place shelving along the wall & front part to correspond with the other work and that the whole of the front will be made secure by his putting strong bar of wood from it to the opposite side. In making these fixtures he will remove the shelving at present in the small room upstairs & if there should be any extra shelving required, he will furnish it himself. The Cost of this he cannot make less than



\$15<sup>00</sup> at which price he agreed to do the job  
(Sgd) R. F. Jamison

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Thammas J. Con  
J. W. Roach

Moved by (Mr. M. Lacey) sec. (Mr. Judge) that  
Report of Lib. Com: be read & resolved

on Discussion it was moved by Mr. M. Lacey sec  
by Mr. Hector, <sup>renewed</sup> that proposed alteration in Library be  
postponed & that said Com: be instructed to make  
an examination into old books report in what way  
they can be made useful to the Ass<sup>n</sup>.

Moved by Mr. Livingston Sec: by Mr. Linton  
resolved that Reading Room Committee be instructed  
"to sell the several pictures now in Board Room unframed"

The Corresponding Secretary was requested by  
the President to write to the Hamilton Evening Times  
& state that it was understood by the Ass<sup>n</sup> that the  
Times was sent to them free of charge

The a/c of Messrs Nordheimer & Dawson Rec  
having been placed upon the table before the Board  
it was moved by Mr. Linton Sec by Mr. Roach &  
resolved that Messrs Nordheimer be paid the quarter  
rent now due, & further that it be an instruction to  
the Treasurer of the Ass<sup>n</sup> to pay no interest on Messrs  
Nordheimer's a/c for rent: no agreement for the payment  
of same having been sanctioned by the Board, nor can  
they now sanction it

Concerning the Messrs Dawson & Rec a/c  
it was moved by Mr. Linton sec by Mr. Hector that  
it be referred to the Reading Room Committee - resolved

Mr. Livingston having objected that it required an  
formal resolution of the Board to pass a/c to their several  
Committees & the President having decided otherwise  
it was put to the Board whether they supported the  
Past or decision or not on a vote the Chair was  
supported. -

on Discussion Concerning defaulting members



of the Assn it was moved by Mr. Linton Sec. by  
Mr. McLane resolved that the Finance Committee  
be authorized to collect the names of one or more defaulters  
whose subscription can in their opinion be collected  
at par. to notify them thro' the Cor: Secy that unless  
their indebtedness to this Assn is at once discharged  
the Board will take proceedings against them & in the  
event of their neglecting to pay the arrears due by them  
within a fortnight they do be sued at the expiration of  
that time.

Mr. Quincy the Reader of a ~~new~~ improvement or  
Regulator for saving & purifying gas having desired the  
Board to purchase from him - it was on discussion  
moved by Mr. McLane Sec. by Mr. Judge resolved  
that the Reading Room Committee be authorized to  
make a Contract with Quincy for his gas Regulator -  
if the same can be had at a reasonable price & if they  
can get it put in on trial without Cost to the Assn  
unless it operates entirely to their satisfaction.

On the President's Requesting of the Members  
present Concerning the additions they had made to  
list of members.

Mr. McLane reported 28.

" Hector " 1

" Roach " 2.

The other gentlemen present had not  
succeeded.

An Election having taken place for the office  
of Director resigned by Mr. Henry McLane. Mr.  
Angus was declared duly elected and the Sec. Sec.  
requested to notify him of same.

on Motion of Mr. McLane Sec. by Mr.  
Judge the meeting adjourned.

H. J. Jones  
Sec. Sec.



Montreal Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

Minutes of Special Meeting held in the Evening.  
Pres. The President - Mr. Green - Spator. Judge - Steele.  
Sils - Smith - Swinright - Jones.

Minutes of last monthly meeting were read but not confirmed. Several members incline to the opinion that minutes of monthly meetings ought not to be read at Special Meetings excepting that portion which authorized the next Special Meeting.

The particular business of the meeting having been taken up. Mr. Judge reported verbally for the Com. that on their behalf & he had written to R. W. Emerson asking him to appoint some dates on which to lecture before the Assn. that Mr. Emerson had answered naming the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of present month - for which dates he had accepted.

It had been also arranged that Mr. Vandenhoff would give his Readings on 3<sup>rd</sup> March following evenings.

Mr. Judge had also written to Dr. W. Johnson & had received an answer to the effect that the Dr. could lecture for the Assn. about the middle of March. for \$100 per lecture & expenses of himself & servant - & desiring answer.

on discussion it was moved by Mr. W. Green Sec. by Mr. Steele resolved that the Com. be authorized to engage Dr. W. Johnson at a price not exceeding \$1500 - in full for two lectures.

+ Moved by Mr. W. Green Sec. by Mr. Swinright & carried that meeting adjourn.

+ Mr. Judge as chairman of the Com. wished for every one of the Directors to use his utmost endeavors to make Mr. Emerson's lectures a success by selling tickets &c & would send each member of Board 25 tickets for sale.

G. J. M. Jones  
Sec. Gen.  
M. L. A.



Montreal Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 1863

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held this Evening  
Present The President Messrs. John Jacques & John Jones.

Minutes of last Monthly meeting & of Special Meeting of Feb 17. read & Confirmed.

The Treasurer presented his Monthly Statement —

showing Balance hand Jan 31 234.88.

Receipts Feb 200.97. 438.85

Expenditure 248.20

Leaving Balance hand Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> \$190.65

The Treasurer reported that ap<sup>s</sup> for arrears &c. against Mr. A. F. Antrobus & Mr. S. W. May had been handed to Mr. Peddie for sent. but that no word had been received of same. Mr. Blackburn promising to pay ap<sup>s</sup> dec<sup>r</sup> on 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. Treasurer has told him that he w<sup>d</sup> wait until that date. If not paid then action would be taken.

Report of Reading Room Committee, as follows.

Your Committee beg to report that the Canadian Illustrated News had been ordered from Mr. Kiddell in terms of resolution passed at last monthly meeting —

Another resolution passed at same meeting directed your Committee to sell the pictures presented to Ass<sup>y</sup> by the N. York Albion, this has been done the sale realizing \$10.81. or nearly double their worth. & your Committee attribute this pleasing result to the liberality of the Gentlemen who had the opportunity of purchasing.

Messrs Dawson's ap<sup>s</sup> has been examined & found correct. Every gas Regulator has had our attention and we came to the conclusion to fix it a trial. particularly as it had cost nothing to affix it to the meter (which has been done) or remove it if it does not prove satisfactory after three months. The cost of the Regulator will be \$12.00

all of which is respectfully Submitted

(Jd) Saml. Rife

Chairman of R.R. Com.



Moved by Mr. Fila Sec by Mr. Jacques resolved that the report of Reading Room Committee be read and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Jacques Sec. by Mr. Hector resolved that Reading Room Committee be empowered to sell the papers purchased at last sale by Messrs. Campbell & Arch: Does they not having complied with terms of purchase -

Moved by Mr. Fila Sec. by Mr. Hector resolved that Dawson Bros be paid what Messrs. Nordheimer be paid the sum of \$50 on acc.

Moved by Mr. Jacques Sec by Mr. Hector resolved that all fines collected in the library be handed over to the Library Committee for the purchase of new books

Mr. Judge reported for Lecture Committee as follows.

Memo. of receipt & Disbursement on acc of the two lectures given for the Association by Mr. Emerson

Feb'y 24	Cash at door.	35.25	Feb'y 25. By H. S. Duman.	100.00
25	" " "	26.75	" Knoddoor	2.00
	" Messrs Dawson & Co.		" Fayette	5.00
	" Riade	50	" Herald	8.00
	" Directors	21.25	" Transcript	3.50
	"	21.50	" Withers	3.20
	Balance	144.45	" Beckett	5.00
		\$126.70		\$126.70

With memo. of Tickets sold by <sup>the</sup> different members & Directors of the Assoc.

Mr. Judge also stated that he had written to the Rev. Dr. M. G. Fowae. offering him (as authorized by Board at last <sup>special</sup> meeting) the sum of \$150. in gold for two lectures to which the Dr. had accepted accepting the offer naming the 29 & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept for the delivery of the lectures.

Mr. Judge had also received a letter from the Hamilton Evening Times inquiring acc & stating that they could not recognize the action of the former proprietor.

Concerning which was moved by Mr. Hector Sec. by Mr. Jacques resolved that Reading Room Committee be instructed to look up the matter & inform Mr. Judge.



On the Treasurer remarking that he was put to much trouble from want of his Books which had not yet arrived from the last Treasurer - they being still in the hands of the Auditor of the Association it was moved by Mr. Meeter &c. by Mr. Judge resolved

That the Treasurer be requested to inform the Auditors that the present Treasurer is very much inconvenienced from want of his Books & to urge upon them to favor the Association by bringing their kindly undertaken labor to a close

Mr. Judge for Mr. M. Lancer Chairman of Finance Committee presented report of that Committee with Estimates for 1863. which had been referred back at last monthly meeting -

Report of Finance Committee. 21 Mar 1863  
Your Committee have to report a more thorough investigation into the affairs of the Association. Since last meeting which they have been enabled to make through access to Books figures not before obtainable. The Statement & Estimates herewith presented. show, it is believed as correctly as possible the present & probable future financial position of the Association - It will be noticed that the Estimate of income & expenditure commences on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec last & include all gains & losses ascertained up to this date. It will be gratifying to the Board, as it is to your Committee to find an estimated surplus this year of \$143. & a reduction of the total debt of the Association to \$500 - In order to this still further & finally extinguish it your Committee must again urge that the work of obtaining new members be faithfully attended to by the Board. for while they hope to receive valuable aid from Mr. Vandenhoff's readings - still the pecuniary financial strength of the Assoc must be derived from Subscriptions

Your Committee would recommend that Messrs. Nathaniel be paid \$50. on a/c & that The Hon. John Rose be paid something on a/c as the Treasurer has now on hand money collected for special purpose



"of paying old debt - The Committee would also ask that  
 "the Board instruct Mr. Haukin to spend say four hours  
 "a day to the work of collecting - in order to get in Subscriptions  
 "The winter is the best time for this work & it has not been  
 "progressing so fast as it should at this season  
 "The whole of which is respectfully submitted  
 "Yrs. D. T. McLean  
 "Chairman"

## Estimates of Receipts & Expenditure for year 1862 & 1863

### Subscriptions

107 Merchant	\$5.02	535.00	
245 Seaver	4.00	980.00	
11 of junior	2.00	234.00	1749.00
Less for hot many provided		200.00	\$1549.00
Sales of newspapers		89.50	
" - Insurance		10.81	100.31
Profits Vandenberg's readings in N. H. Art			53.97
Donation from H. A. Miller			5.00
			1708.28

### Expenditure

Salaries Mr. Haukin	358.33	Box	108.50	466.83
for after last year	135.24	See		140.00
Water	22.00	Insurance	10.62	32.62
Postage last year	38.31	See		40.00
Incidentals	109.78	"		120.00
Newspapers Riddle	12.00	Dawson	50.00	80.00
Rent	550.00	See	41.25	591.25
				1645.20
				63.08

Amount of Debt to be provided for as per next page	1112.13
Estimated Expenditure as above	1645.20
	2757.33
against which appears.	
Cash on hand Dec 1.	71.05
From	71.05
	2757.33



Forward.	91.05	2757.33
Special Sub. Coll. fund	95.00	
Arrears of Sub.	280.00	
Estimated income available 1908.28		2154.33
		\$ 603. —
Against which there may be deducted for		
old debt that may not be asked for		48. —
		\$558.00

Creditors of Mercantile Library Association  
 published in the Lib. on Dec 1st 1872

Hamilton Spectator	18.00
3 Times Enquirer new	4.50
Quebec Chronicle	17.00
Red Star Newspaper	1.17
Ottawa Gazette	6.75
Nov. Section	21.00
Boston Redoubter	17.50
J. Lawlor	1.75
D. M. Thomson (Paid in Dec 1872)	1.25
Hamilton Spectator	2.00
Quebec Chronicle (Paid Feb 1873)	5.00
Nov. Section	3.00
R. A. Miller (Paid in Feb 1873)	20.93
South John River	140.00
R. D. Brown	16.50
Asst. Stodden (Paid on ap 125.00)	733.62
Thistle (u u u 90.00)	98.98
	\$ 1112.13

Moved by Mr. Hector Lee by Mr. Jones, that Report be  
 read.

Moved by Mr. F. L. Lee by Mr. Hector that report  
 be adopted including the <sup>paragraph</sup> at end of same  
 concerning the desire of the Committee that Mr. H. A. Kinn  
 spend 16 hours each day collecting subscriptions



Concerning which there was doubt expressed that he would not use the time thus given him altogether in the manner desired. & on this also the Board were of opinion that they could not adopt that portion of report relating to same.

No report having been presented by or for the Chairman of the Library Committee concerning business which had come under their promise at last monthly meeting and of which they Notice Arise.

Moved by Mr Hector Lee by Mr Jacques, <sup>resolved</sup> that the Board resolve that no report was received from the Chairman of the Library Committee, as they were very desirous of knowing what had been done by that Com. concerning the old Books & the manner in which they might be made useful to the Association as required of them by a resolution passed at last monthly meeting.

Some discussion taking place about the want of printed Copies of the Constitution & Bye Laws of the Ass<sup>n</sup> for the members. it was

Moved by Mr Jacques Secd by Mr Sils resolved that the Class Committee be instructed to prepare a Copy of Act of Incorporation & Bye Laws of the Ass<sup>n</sup> for the purpose of having same printed for distribution amongst the members.

No other business occurring it was

Moved by Mr Sils & Secd by Mr Hector that meeting adjourn - resolved

H. J. M. Jones  
Secd. Lee & Sils



Montreal April 8<sup>th</sup> 1863

Minutes of monthly meeting held this Evening  
Present The President Messrs McFarren Secy & the  
Astor Jacques Bond. Various other  
Minutes of last monthly meeting read & confirmed.  
Communications

From Mr A.C. Jamieson resigning office as Librarian  
of Library Com accepted Mr Bond being named by  
the President as Chairman of said Com. in room of  
Astor & Jamieson.

From Mr Keegan & Lewis Auditors of the Ass<sup>n</sup>  
expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which  
the ~~Association~~ Bond given them to audit had been  
kept by Mr Secy & the late Treasurer & stating  
their opinion that he was deserving of the thanks of the  
Board for same. - Concerning which it was  
Moved by Mr McFarren Sec by Mr Astor resolved.  
That the Auditors be thanked.

From Mr Lewis & Mr Keegan Auditors of the  
Ass<sup>n</sup> as follows

To the Members of the Mercantile Lib Ass<sup>n</sup>

We the undersigned Auditors of the Ass<sup>n</sup> beg  
to report that we have examined the books of the two  
past fiscal years and have found them correct, and we  
would take this opportunity of stating that the manner  
in which the Accounts of the Association have been kept  
reflect the greatest Credit upon Mr Prevost the late  
Treasurer and that in our opinion he is justly entitled  
to the thanks of the Members for his Care and attention to  
this important branch in the Management of the  
Association business

Montreal Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 63

(sgd) Geo Lewis  
( ) Geo Keegan

Concerning which it was moved by Mr McFarren & Sec  
by Mr Astor resolved



That the Auditor's letter be entered in the minutes of the Assoc<sup>n</sup> together with the thanks of the Board to Mr<sup>r</sup> Seiwright for the manner in which he had discharged <sup>his</sup> the onerous duties of as Treasurer to the Assoc<sup>n</sup>.

From Mr<sup>r</sup> Sinton resigning his office as Director of the Assoc<sup>n</sup> moved by Mr<sup>r</sup> Hector sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr<sup>r</sup> Ayres resolved that this Board accept the resignation of Mr<sup>r</sup> Sinton but regret very much that his engagements prevent their having the Board's pleasure of seeing him at their meetings at the same time expressing their satisfaction at the manner in which he has always ~~conscientiously~~ acted as Member officer & Director of the Assoc<sup>n</sup>.

### Report of Reading Room Committee.

The reading Room Com<sup>tee</sup> beg to report - That at the Annual sale of Newspapers the London Times was purchased by Mr<sup>r</sup> Ross for the sum of Eleven Dollars, and that it has since been sold at the request of that gentleman to Mr<sup>r</sup> Thomas for the sum of Eleven Dollars Mr<sup>r</sup> Ross paying the balance.

The attendance at the Reading Room during the last month has been unusually large.

It is with extreme regret that your Committee have to report that the Conduct of the Superintendent has not been such as to warrant the Confidence of your Com<sup>tee</sup> or to increase the usefulness and efficiency of the Assoc<sup>n</sup>.

Your Com<sup>tee</sup> would draw the attention of the Board to his want of punctuality in attendance at the Reading Room.

No later than this morning the English ~~press~~ papers were delivered at the Assoc<sup>n</sup> at half past 8 o'clock at 10 o'clock your President & 2 members of your Com<sup>tee</sup> had to commence themselves and place them on the files. at ten minutes past 10 o'clock the boy made his appearance & according to his own admissions and other circumstances he must have been absent rather more than an hour and a half. at 9 quarter past 10 the Superintendent had not made his appearance.



The Discuses which the Sup<sup>t</sup> has repeatedly given for his absence, are far from satisfactory. Your Com: also deem it their duty to draw attention to this unwarrantable familiarity with members of the Association, which has been the subject of several remarks & Complaint.

The Sup<sup>t</sup> - informed a member of the Board in the Reading Room before a large number of members of the As<sup>s</sup> that was most unwarrantable & uncalled for. but as your Com: are assured, that a distinct Complaint will be made by that member, they merely place it on record, satisfied that the Board will give it the serious consideration which it merits.

all of which is most respectfully solicited  
(sgd) Samuel Sils

Chairman S. B. Com.

On which it was moved by Mr<sup>s</sup> McGraw Sec by Mr<sup>s</sup> August <sup>resolved</sup> that the Secretary be instructed to write to H. L. H. asking stating the several charges - to request his answer ~~the~~ therein in writing, in time for adjourned meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Inst -

Moved by Mr<sup>s</sup> Livwright Sec Mr<sup>s</sup> McGraw that report be received.

Mr<sup>s</sup> Livwright <sup>also complaining</sup> ~~personally~~ <sup>contrasted the</sup> ~~charges~~ <sup>charges as above</sup> against Mr<sup>s</sup> Haukin regarding his disavowal - discussion of same left over until adjourned meeting.

Report of Class Committee.

The Class Com. beg to report that acting in Accordance with the instructions of the Board of Direction, they have revised the By-laws of the As<sup>s</sup> and have prepared a copy which they will place in the hands of the printer in the course of the present week and hope to have them ready for distribution at an early day.

The Committee have also gone through the list of members & taken off all thought to be good & raised such as have left the City or otherwise ceased to be members of the As<sup>s</sup>. The Committee find it extremely difficult



to prepare a correct list of members owing in a great measure  
to the fact - that no correct list of life members has  
hitherto been kept. The Com. will however do all in their  
power to make correct lists for the future and hope to  
have one ready for publication soon

Respectfully Submitted

Stapleton Caldwell Chairman

Moved by Mr. Pierpont Sec by Mr. Roach resolved  
that report be received.

Moved by Mr. Pierpont Sec by Mr. Angus resolved  
that Class Com. be requested to ascertain Cost of  
printing Catalogue of Books in the Library together with  
By-laws (in pamphlet) and report at next  
monthly meeting

Moved by Mr. Pierpont Sec by Mr. Hector resolved  
that balance of report be adopted.

### Lecture Committee Report

With this report your Com by hand you in a  
statement of the result of Mr. Vandenhoff's readings  
they are happy to inform the Board that this statement  
shows a balance of profit of \$356.23. Whilst however, they  
can congratulate the Board upon this satisfactory result  
they regret very much to be obliged to intimate that a very  
serious loss has been sustained upon the two lectures -  
delivered by Dr. W. J. Ford - The Aps are not yet made up.  
but your Committee fear the loss will range between \$130  
- \$140. - Upon the Causes which produced this unsatisfactory  
result, it is not necessary for your Committee to speculate  
they will merely observe, that the lesson to be derived from  
it seems to be, that an almost certain loss will accrue  
from the engagement of any Lecturer who is not very  
widely & favorably known to our Citizens

Your Committee have no engagements  
pending for future lectures and think with the  
experience derived from the last course, it will not be  
wise to contract any further engagements at present

The whole respectfully Submitted

April 6th 88

(Sgd) Edgar Judge Chairman



Messrs. Vandenhoff's Lectures showed  
receipts to be \$907.00  
Expenses 550.77  
Balance profit. \$356.23.

Moved by Mr. Angus Sec by Mr. Liowright resolved  
that report be received and adopted.

Mr. Liowright made a suggestion emanating from  
Mr. Nivin that the Ass<sup>ts</sup> make arrangements with  
Mr. Davis to give a Concert under the Auspices of the Ass<sup>ts</sup>  
after discussion it was moved by Mr. Stule Sec by  
Mr. Jaques resolved. That a Committee be authorized  
to arrange with Mr. Davis to give a Concert as above  
profits to be shared.

Moved in Accordment by Mr. Liowright Sec by  
Mr. Hector. That an offer made by Mr. Davis to give  
a concert & divide  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the profits with the Ass<sup>ts</sup> be  
accepted. and that the following gentlemen be a  
Committee to make the carry out the necessary  
arrangements. Messrs Caldecott Mr. Law Judge Nivin  
Roach Liowright Hector.

The accendement being put to the vote was  
declared Carried.

Treasurers Monthly Statement for March.  
as follows-

Balance Feb 28. 190.65  
Receipts during month 72.80 & 263.45  
Expenditure - 159.92  
Bal. April 6<sup>th</sup> 103.53 & 263.45

10 353  
14 255  
4 8  
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Treasurer having rec<sup>d</sup> several letters from the Messrs  
Kadhemice requesting the Amt of rent due or money on a/c  
moved by Mr. Liowright Sec by Mr. Angus resolved  
that same be referred to Finance Com: to take what  
action they made deem advisable  
Report Finance Committee.

The Finance Com: report that the receipts for  
subscriptions during the past month have been very



light, having only amounted to \$62.<sup>50</sup> - The Cause of this has been that the Sup<sup>r</sup> time has been taken up with Vandenhoff's readings & D. W. Fox's lectures.

Your Committee Can now report more fully concerning the parties who were addressed, by the Secretary in accordance with the resolution passed at the February Monthly meeting. The Secretary wrote to R. J. Blackburn, S. McKay, and A. J. Anthony. The first of these Mr. Blackburn addressed a note to the Treasurer promising to pay - on the 5<sup>th</sup> Mch. he paid his subscription for 1861 and will pay for 1862 in a day or two. A. J. Anthony told Mr. Perkins (in whose hands we have placed the claim for Collection) that he thought that his sister had taken the Books (for the value of which we are suing him) to Kingston with her. that he had written to her to ascertain & that if he could not find it he would pay for it, at the same time he begged us not to press him for the fines. The Treasurer promised him that if he paid his sub: & the value of the Books, he wd let him off paying the fine. The suit against S. McKay, we think will go against him by default, it will probably be decided in a day or two.

J. C. Doane, a Photographic Artist, owes for 3 years subscription to your Com: recommend that he be sued for the amt as he will not pay.

Messrs Nordheim have several times solicited payments on A/c & as they have been given to understand that they would receive a considerable payment on A/c at the close of our lecture season. Your Com: recommend that they be paid the sum of \$200.

The net results of the readings & lectures since last meeting while it relieves the A/c of some of its debt, leaves us still incumbered by a considerable amount, and keeping in view what is so strongly to be desired, viz the total extinction of our Debt. Your Com: would especially call your attention to the means by which this end may be obtained -



The season for lectures &c is now over we must  
look to other means to increase our income - once  
more we must repeat what has appeared in former  
reports & urge on the Board the procuring of new  
members. a few new Subscribers procured by each  
Director would place the Association entirely free  
& your Com: Can imagine no Circumstances in  
which might be more properly given by the Board -  
say that each member should agree to obtain Subscribers  
to bring in Thirty Dollars before next meeting - It would  
then be in our power to take such steps as might be  
deemed proper by the management to place the  
assn on a footing of permanent stability and  
usefulness

all which is respectfully Submitted

(Sgd)

H P W Jones

Chairman

Wm. G. H. B.

Moved by Mr. Hector sec. by Mr. Roach resolved  
that report be rec<sup>d</sup>

Moved by Mr. Jague Sec by Mr. Angus resolved  
that report be adopted

Several ap. for Lib<sup>l</sup> & newspapers &c having been  
presented & was moved by Mr. Leonardt Sec by Mr.  
Angus resolved - That they be referred to Reading Room  
Com: no

one ap. that of the Morning Chronicle had been  
paid & the Treasurer promised to write to the Editor  
stating so.

No other business being before the Board moved  
Mr. Jague Sec Mr. Hector - adjourn till Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> next  
carried

H. P. W. Jones  
Rec. Sec. W. B. B.

Classifying price printing Catalogue  
paper for notice Secty.



Montreal April 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Minutes of adjourned meeting (from April 6<sup>th</sup>),  
held this evening to take into consideration the  
charges & Complaints against the Superintendent  
& his answer to the same, according to a resolution  
passed at Monthly meeting.

Present The President in the Chair Messrs  
W. Laroche Judge Siemwright Hector August Roach  
Filer Jacques Suchy George

Report of Reading Room Committee for month  
of March containing said charges & Complaints  
against the Supt<sup>y</sup> was read and also Mr. Hawkins  
reply to same.

After considerable discussion, the time being  
short it was moved by Mr. W. L. P. Laroche, seconded  
by Mr. August resolved

"That the apology offered by Mr. Hawkins (in  
reference to the insult used by him to Mr. Siemwright  
as a member of the Board, doing his duty as  
Suchy) be accepted by the Board as an explanation  
of the circumstances personally complained of by  
Mr. Siemwright & that the other charges be placed  
again in the hands of the Reading Room Committee  
in order that they may investigate more fully into  
the conduct of the Superintendent reported at an  
adjourned meeting this day week."

Meeting consequently adjourned until Tuesday  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Inst at the usual hour.

H. J. Laroche  
Secy. R. R. C.



Montreal April 21. 1863

Minutes of adjourned meeting from April 14<sup>th</sup>

Read The Report in the Chair Messrs McQueen Angus  
Siemwright, Stale Beach Jaque Director. John Jones.

Minutes of adjourned meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> last read

Reading Room Committee being asked for report after  
investigation into charges. Complaints again Mr Hawken  
as required by resolution passed at adjourned meeting of  
14<sup>th</sup> last - Mr Filer Chairman of said Com: answered  
that R. R. Com. had been desired to investigate more fully  
into charges as above. & having done so. found that the  
evidence collected so fully bore out the charges ~~as in~~ <sup>in their</sup> ~~and~~  
monthly report that they did not require to present another

After considerable discussion as to whether it were possible  
to adopt the report clause by clause, <sup>amended to omit the Board.</sup> the question of order  
having been raised by Mr McQueen. The Chair deciding that  
report could be so adopted and amended to suit the  
views of the Board. which decision on being put to the  
vote as to whether the chair was sustained. was negatived.  
It was accordingly moved by Mr Filer. seconded by  
Mr Siemwright. resolved.

"That R. R. Com Report as presented be adopted"

Immediately afterwards it was moved by Mr  
McQueen. sec: by Mr Angus resolved

"That the President be requested to see the  
Superintendent & express to him that the Board, feel  
very strongly the necessity for greater punctuality &  
regularity of attendance on his part, & also the utmost  
care & courtesy in the discharge of his duties - That  
this has been brought before the Board by many instances  
of dereliction of duty that cannot be overlooked. &  
that the interest of the Association absolutely require  
this action on the part of the Board. and that the  
President also place strongly before the Superintendent  
the serious objections to his constant use of intoxicating  
liquors, which has been the subject of considerable



Concern to the Board & which they believe to be highly  
prejudicial to the association -

The President was also desired to inform Mr.  
Hankin that the boy in the library was under his  
control to discharge & procure another if it seemed  
necessary to him.

Moved by Mr. Seiwright Sec Mr. Filer that  
meeting adjourn.

W. J. M. Jones  
Rec Sec M. A. S.



Montreal Monday Evening  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Minutes of monthly meeting held this Evening.

Pres<sup>t</sup> The President in the Chair Messrs McFarren  
Jacques Angus Steele Livingston Filer Jones.

\* No Communications

\* Minutes of last monthly meeting with minutes of  
adjourned meetings on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April read  
& confirmed. +

President reported having obeyed request of Board  
meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> April in regard to Mr Hankin expressing  
within the feelings & desires of the Board. Mr Hankin  
had promised amendment & so far had kept his  
promise. as Chairman of Class Committee he <sup>(Pres<sup>t</sup>)</sup> reported  
that he had not found out price of printing Catalogue of Books  
along with ref Rye House. but that the cost of the latter alone  
would be \$1800 for \$500 & 26 for 1000

The President here read his Semi Annual Report.  
Moved by Mr Steele Sec by Mr McFarren & resolved  
"That Report be received and adopted"

Moved by Mr McFarren Sec by Mr Steele that meeting  
do now adjourn until after general meeting to be held  
in the Reading Room.

After general meeting the Board meeting was resumed  
Mr Mc Donald was elected Director in room of Mr  
Linton resigned.

Mr Steele brought before the Board the question of the  
propriety of renting a portion of the Reading Room to the  
Chess Club, in view of which it was moved by Mr McFarren  
Sec by Mr Judge resolved. -

That the Reading Room Com: be instructed to  
determine whether any or what space could be devoted  
to the purpose & should they find it convenient to  
accommodate the Club, full power shall be vested in them  
to conclude the matter.

Moved by Mr Filer Sec by Mr McFarren that meeting  
adjourn. Carried

H. M. Jones Sec



Monthly Meeting May 14<sup>th</sup> 1863

Minutes of Semi Annual Meeting held this Evening  
in the Reading Room of the Association.

Present The President in the Chair. 8 members  
of the Board & a number of Members of the Ass<sup>n</sup>.  
The Recording Secretary being absent Mr Judge  
acted as such.

+ President read his Semi Annual Report  
Moved by Mr McQueen sec by Mr Filer resolved  
That report be received

Moved by Mr Angus sec by Mr Judge resolved  
That report be adopted.

Moved by Mr Hall sec by Mr Stule that the President  
be requested to draw up a letter of condolence to present to  
Mrs Jinton under the severe affliction which she has  
sustained in the loss of her husband who was for many  
years an active member of the Association - resolved  
Moved by Mr Angus sec by Mr Filer.

That a Committee be appointed to wait upon the  
Merchants of this City soliciting donations to the funds  
of the Society - Motion lost.

Moved by Mr McQueen sec by Mr Filer that meeting  
adjourn - Carried -

+ Minutes of last annual meeting & adjourned meeting  
of Jan'y 5<sup>th</sup> read & confirmed

H. J. M. Jones  
Rec Sec.



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Minutes of meeting of M.F.A. held this evening.  
Present - President in the Chair Messrs Hector  
Roach. McDonald Jones.

Minutes of last monthly meeting read & Confirmed  
Communications

From Mr. Kinnison resigning office as Director  
Moved by Mr. Hector 2<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Roach that Mr. Kinnison  
resignation be accepted.

From Mr. Pierwright resigning office as Director  
Moved by Mr. Jones 2<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Hector that consideration  
of same be adjourned till next monthly meeting

From Mr. J. A. MacDonald accepting Directorship -

From Mr. Hicks. Secy Chess Club saying no satisfactory  
arrangement could be made about room for them and  
that they would try somewhere else  
ap. Hearn & Co.

Moved by Mr. Roach 2<sup>d</sup> by Mr. McDonald that it be  
referred to Finance Committee

Globe. Leader & Shipping List.

Moved by Mr. Roach 2<sup>d</sup> by Mr. McDonald that they be  
referred to Reading Room Com. and if correct be  
discharged.

Report of Library Committee.

The Library Com. have to report that so long a time has  
elapsed without a report being laid by them before the  
Members of this Board.

With regard to the Carpet & Room Case, placed in their hands  
for sale, the Com. expected ere this to have had them disposed of  
but a party has not been found to purchase either - we would  
propose that they be sent to an Auction Room and there  
sold for the benefit of the Association

With the books in the Upper Library nothing has been done  
as our time has not permitted us to investigate into them  
report upon them at present

We have to regret the illness for some time past of one of



our Committee viz Mr Wm Kirin. And also of his departure  
to England - We would further report that the Supt is in charge  
of the Books under his charge allowing no member but such as  
have paid their Sub<sup>n</sup> for the year to have the privilege of taking  
any book out of the Library

This is respectfully submitted.

Montreal Jan 18/83

(sgd) W. Roach

Chairman Lib Com

Moved by Mr Roach sec by Mr McDonald that Report be  
received and adopted exclusive of paragraph relating to Carpet  
& Book Case. The Board thinking there not worth expense of  
removal to Auction Room

Mr Campbell of Ontario Bank was elected Director of the Assoc  
in place of Mr Kirin resigned. Mr Roach being scrutinizer  
Some reference having been made concerning the non opening  
of the rooms at the proper hour The President was requested  
to speak to Mr Hankin concerning same & cause the  
boy to be more regular.

Mr McDonalds name was placed on Library  
Committee.

The President having mentioned his intention to leave  
for England in a few days. It was moved by Mr Sketon  
sec by Mr Roach and resolved

That the Board desire on present occasion to express  
their regret at the intended lengthy absence of the President  
and their hearty wish that his journey may be safe &  
pleasant & prosperous.

Meeting then adjourned

W. J. McFarlane  
Sec Lib Com



Montreal 6th July 63

Minutes of monthly meeting held this evening  
Present W. P. McFarren V. P. in the Chair Angus Hector  
Judge Macdonald & Jague.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed  
Communication

From A. M. Livingston requesting acceptance of resignation  
Moved by Mr Judge Sec by Hector that it be accepted.

From J. A. Marle. requesting payment of a/c due to Marle & Co.  
referred to Treasurers to see Mr Perkins whether or not a/c was  
outlaid.

From D. L. Irish with a/c from N. Y. Shipping List.

referred to R. Ross Com: to be paid if correct

From Messrs Northcote requesting payment on a/c.

From S. Caldwell by President Mr Ross acknowledging of Rec.  
Says letter Com: resolution adopted by Board at some meeting  
with thanks

Mr James Ambley was elected Director in place of Mr Peirce who  
resigned.

Treasurers Statement for 3mo ending July 1st 63

Balance hand April 1. 119.98

Receipts 435.23. \$ 553.21

Expenditure 529.46

Bal. 25.75 \$ 553.21

Mr Judge reported that he had rec'd a communication from  
Mr A. A. Peterson stating that the fraud & vagabond masons would  
meet in Montreal shortly and enquiring if the Com: of the  
Room would be intended to them.

Moved by Mr Angus Sec by Mr Hector resolved  
that Com: be instructed to write offering use of room during  
their visit.

Mr Hector asked if charges were allowed the use of the  
Library as well as of the Reading Room free of charge. - Answer  
they that, if allowed by Reg: Com: they might.



Moved by Mr. Astor Sec by Mr. Angus resolved that  
Supt be instructed to prepare list of members for present  
year. And place same in a prominent place in Room  
also to mark thereon opposite names whether Sub<sup>s</sup> have  
been paid

Affecting then adjourned

H. J. M. force  
Secy

Montreal August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1863

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held this Evening

Present Mr. Filer in the Chair Messrs Judge Jacques Boach

Angus Jamieson Jones.

Minutes of last Monthly Meeting read & Confirmed  
Communications

From Mr. Haukin resigning office of Superintendent  
Concy same

Moved by Mr. Angus sec Mr. Jacques. resolved

That Mr. Haukin's resignation was submitted to the Board  
to be accepted and that the Secretary be requested to notify  
Mr. Haukin of same with intimation that should it meet Mr. H's  
views the Board would be willing that the Suggerment should  
terminate on the 31<sup>st</sup> August

After some discussion it was moved Mr. Judge sec Jones  
resolved. That when this meeting adjourns it stand  
adjourned until Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Inst And that Mr. Haukin  
be requested before that date to hand to the Secretary his reply  
to the letter accepting his resignation, in order that such  
preliminary steps may then be taken as may be necessary in  
order to select his successor

A letter was read from Mr. J. B. Stephens resigning his  
Membership and giving his reasons. Consideration left over  
until next meeting -

also from Dawson Bros. Riddle & A. G. Shipping List  
referred to R. B. Committee

also from Jno Lovell - referred to Lib Com: to be paid



ac. from Water Works \$22.00 added to be paid -  
Meeting then adjourned until Tuesday Sep. 11<sup>th</sup> Next

H. H. Jones  
Secy Soc. W. L. G.

Statement Cash for July 1863

Balance last Statement		25.75
Subscriptions recd '63	99.-	
" " " '62	15.-	114.-
		\$ 139.75

Expenditure 36.72

Bal. 103.03 \$ 139.75

Bal includes Thomas's Bon \$25.00 Lyman's \$15.00 - cash

H. H. Jones



# Minutes of Special Meeting -

8 P.M. Aug. 20th 1883.

Present - The President in the Chair - Mr. Lawrence  
Roach - Hector - Spector - Angus.

Meeting Called by President to consider Conduct  
of Superintendent

After considerable discussion concerning his rather  
disreputable Conduct which it was shown would have a bad  
effect on the prospects of the Assn. if he were continued any longer  
in the Superintendency - further that he was not doing anything  
in the way of collecting subscriptions and in his manner was  
was decidedly hurtful to the Assn. it was

Moved by Vice President sec: by Mr. Lawrence. resolved

" That the Recording Secty be instructed to advertise at once  
" for applicants for a new Superintendent that the Pres. & Vice Pres.  
" be requested to take such steps as <sup>they may deem judicious for the interests of Assn.</sup> ~~may be necessary~~ to terminate  
" <sup>at once</sup> the engagement with Mr. Haukin report the same at the special  
" Meeting to be called to elect a Superintendent."

Moved by Mr. Hector sec by Roach resolved

" That a Committee consisting of Pres. Vice Pres. &  
" Mr. Angus be appointed to examine applications for Superintendent  
" report from the same one name to be acted on by the Board.  
" at a Special Meeting to be called for this purpose at the earliest  
" possible date

After some desultory conversation. Meeting  
adjourned

M. J. M. Jones  
Secy.



Special Meeting: Tuesday Sept 1. 63.

Present Present in the Chair. Messrs McLane Angus McDonald  
James Peter Booth Secty Judge

Minutes of last Special Meeting read for information & re-  
port reported for himself & the Committee appointed  
to make arrangements for termination of engagement with  
Mr Haukie & report on the name of one person applicant  
for the Sup<sup>t</sup> to the Board. as follows.

The Committee appointed to examine report on  
application for the office of Sup<sup>t</sup> by to recommend. that  
Mr John W. Featherstone be appointed by the Board.

(Cpd) Stapleton Caldecott

" Wm F. McLane

" Wm Angus

& further verbally. That after some trouble they had seen  
Mr Haukie & arranged with him that he was to leave  
on 31<sup>st</sup> August in payment of 1 mo<sup>th</sup> salary. provided  
that Booth &c are correct.

Moved by Mr Peter seconded by Mr James that report be  
rec<sup>d</sup> and adopted. resolved.

~~At~~ Election for Superintendent then in order

Mr Peter being appointed Scrutineer.

Before proceeding to elect the new Sup<sup>t</sup>. it was found on  
reading over applicants names that the name of Mr Symonds  
had been left out. from list of the free<sup>d</sup> by Close Committee.  
his app<sup>l</sup> not having been sent in to the Secty in answer to  
advertisement for applicants and having lain aside amongst  
the Secty's papers. Election proceeded with

Mr Booth nominated Mr Symonds.

Mr McDonald. nominated Mr A. Smith

" Featherstone nominated by Committee.

On vote being taken. Mr Featherstone rec<sup>d</sup> 7 votes.

" Smith " 1 -

" Symonds " 1 -

Mr Featherstone declared Elected Sup<sup>t</sup> for Ass<sup>ts</sup>



Moved by Mr. Judge. sec by Mr. James Campbell  
That the Salary of the Supt. be at the rate of Four  
Hundred Dollars per annum

That the Supt. be engaged for one year, from 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sept 1863 at a Salary of \$400 per Annum & that he be allowed  
a Commission of 5% on all Collections made by himself  
previous to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec next

Meeting then adjourned

A. F. M. Jones  
Rec Secy

Minutes Monthly Meeting Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1863

Present Pres in the Chair Messrs Campbell Angus  
James & Secy

Minutes (read & Conformed) of last monthly meeting  
& Special Meetings of August 20<sup>th</sup> & Sept 1.  
Communication from

From Supt Mr. Featherstone regarding state  
of Reading Room & suggesting remedy  
Moved by Mr. Angus & Mr. Campbell that above  
letter be referred to Reading Room Committee with  
instruction to take immediate steps to remedy  
same.

Mr. James having no Report for August in  
consequence of Cash book not having been rec<sup>d</sup> from  
the late <sup>(Deputy)</sup> Mr. Hauken.

Moved by James sec by Mr. Campbell and resolved  
That this meeting do now adjourn till Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>  
Inst & that the Secy be instructed to write to the different  
Chambers asking for reports mentioning that present  
Meeting <sup>had been</sup> was useless in consequence of same not having  
been rec<sup>d</sup>

Meeting then adjourned

A. F. M. Jones  
Rec Secy



Minutes of adjourned Meeting held Monday Sept 14<sup>th</sup>/63  
Present. Pres in the Chair Messrs Filer Campbell  
James Bayley & others.  
Meeting convened by resolution to receive reports from  
Committee.

### Report Lecture Committee

In view of near approach of lecture season Com:  
report having written to Messrs Vanderhoff and Wendell  
Phillips to ascertain whether they could lecture before  
you Ass<sup>ly</sup> during present fall. and report that no reply  
has been rec<sup>d</sup> from Mr Vanderhoff. fear he must have  
left New York & perhaps the States. Mr Phillips gives  
little encouragement to hope that we shall be able to  
secure his services, as appear from his letter herewith.  
Com: will be glad to receive suggestions from Board  
as to engagement of lecturers for present season. though  
expressing the opinion that unless very imminent news can  
be induced to visit us. it would be much better. to allow the  
season to pass over without any engagements.

Respectfully submitted

Sept 14<sup>th</sup>/63.

P. Judge. Chairman

Moved by Mr Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Anglin res<sup>d</sup> report be adopted  
Suggestion by Board. that Messrs Imboden & Mr Lee be invited  
lecturers for ass<sup>ly</sup>

### Report Reading Room Committee

Com: report their great satisfaction with manner  
in which Mr Sept<sup>r</sup> performs his duties having worked  
zealously for the Ass<sup>ly</sup> since his appointment. Rooms  
are much cleaner & Papers & Magazines more orderly.

Another matter which you Com: think of importance  
is that the Montreal Chess Club have made an offer  
of \$10<sup>00</sup> per annum besides when becoming members of  
this Ass<sup>ly</sup> <sup>about \$60 per year</sup> for the use of the Library as their Chess Room  
making a total of \$120 per ann: this sum you Com:  
think too large to lose - you Com: think the Library  
could be widened some three feet giving ample room  
for Chess Club and for Library purposes

Saml. Filer Chairman



Moved by Mr Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Jagers resolved  
that report be adopted & that offer of Chess Club be  
referred to Com<sup>s</sup> of Reading Room Library with power to  
act

Report of Treasurer:-

state that there are many errors and discrepancies  
in the books of late Sept not yet sifted and explained  
which when so done may leave him in debt to Acct some  
\$15. this he has expressed willingness to pay.

Moved Mr Filer 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Bayley resolved

that the Treasurer be requested to act in conjunction  
with present Sept in further investigation report more  
fully at next regular meeting -

\* Barring no more business meeting adjourned.

\* Note from Chairman of Lib. Com: stating that from of  
business & caused his absence from Board & that nothing  
having been done by his Com: he had no report

W. J. M. Jones  
Rec Secy.



Minutes of Special Meeting held on Monday  
Evening 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. no meeting having been held on Monday  
5<sup>th</sup> Inst in consequence of a Distribution of Papers to  
Volunteers.

Present The President in the Chair - Messrs M. Lazenby, James  
Argus, Hurley, Hector, Lecky.

Minutes of last monthly meeting and of <sup>adjourned</sup> Special Meetings of  
on 14<sup>th</sup> read & confirmed.

### 12 Communications

#### Report of Finance Committee.

Yours Com. have to regret their inability from various  
causes to report for the last months - During that time  
they have also to regret that the financial affairs of the  
Ass<sup>n</sup> have not been so flourishing as was to be desired.

The Conduct of the late Sup<sup>t</sup>, while affecting the Ass<sup>n</sup>  
in its entire system, peculiarly damaged its financial  
position. Notwithstanding constant efforts of your Committee  
the collections from Subscriptions during the months of July  
& August were very small not nearly sufficient to enable us  
to meet current expenses - The app<sup>t</sup> of a new Sup<sup>t</sup> who has  
entered on his labors with energy and apparent ability has<sup>ed</sup> for  
increased receipts that we have during Sept part of October.  
been somewhat gaining ground. the amt coll<sup>d</sup> from 1 Sept to  
date being \$195. Your Com. regret to state that a considerable  
amt<sup>l</sup> was found to have been collected by the late Sup<sup>t</sup> & not  
credited in the books & altho his note has been taken for the  
amt<sup>l</sup> deficient, our income is in the meantime, shortened to  
that extent. One month's extra salary was also credited to the  
late Sup<sup>t</sup> - in order to cancel the 3 mos notice to him he was  
entitled to - It was decided by the Board to allow the Sup<sup>t</sup>  
5% on Collections & this arrangement your Com. believe  
will be found to work well.

The amt rec<sup>d</sup> for Subscriptions has been less than  
was anticipated and the prop<sup>n</sup> of bad debts will in doubt  
be larger. This is in a great measure owing to neglect  
in collecting during early summer as it is always  
more difficult to collect debts past due, from which



which the benefit has already all been derived. —

From the accompanying Estimate it will be seen that the debt of the Assoc at close of Financial year is assumed at \$720. of which there is due to Messrs. Nordhemier on old ac<sup>t</sup> \$395.00. & to Hon John Rose \$140. leaving \$185. deficit besides. From the Engagement with Mr Vandenhoff your Com. would hope to receive enough to at least clear off the newer debt. & to close the year with only Messrs Nordhemier & Rose having any claim against the Association — This result may not come up to some of the hopes formed regarding the labors of this year but when we look back & reflect that the current financial year was commenced with Estimated deficit of \$1608. the improvement in our position is very Considerable. your Com. w<sup>d</sup> recommend that they receive discretionary powers to authorize action being taken in @ Summary measures on such members as they believe to be perfectly able, but unwilling to pay their Subscriptions — They w<sup>d</sup> also strongly recommend to the Board to procure at this favorable Season of the year, as many new Subscribers as possible. in order that we may be able to hand over the affairs of the Assoc to our Successors with a Membership at least sufficient to pay current Expenses

These have respectfully Submitted

H. W. Green Chairman

Estimated position of Liabilities M. L. A. at close of A. Year 1863.

Cash on hand. 83.95

Col<sup>d</sup> as Estimated for exp 1400. —

Due to Nordhemier old ac<sup>t</sup> 395.00 483.95

John Rose — 140. —

Nordhemier 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. day 220. —

Lanes <sup>39.50</sup> — Water. <sup>22.</sup> 59.50

Gave to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. day 35. —

Riddle <sup>130. —</sup> Dawson <sup>55.</sup> 185. —

Sumdy small ac<sup>t</sup>s 70. —

Supt Salary day 100. —

Estimated Debt

of which is old

Balance.

1204.59

720.64

535.09

180.55



Moved by Mr McFarren Sec by Mr Hector resolved  
That report be read.

Moved by Mr Jones Sec by Mr Hurley resolved  
That the Treasurer be instructed hand to the Finance  
Comm a list of names of Defaulters & take action thereon and  
on such defaulters as said Comm direct  
Treasurer Monthly Report.

Statement for 2mo ending Sept 30/63

July 31. Balance hand.

103.03

Receipts

250.91 353.94

Disbursements.

269.99

Balance hand.

83.95

353.94

also presented Report of Beauchamp - Campbell & Campbell  
& Beale Secs.

Moved by Mr Hector Sec by Mr Hurley resolved  
That above mentioned cases be referred to Finance Comm  
if correct be paid

Moved by Mr Hector Sec by Mr Hurley resolved  
That Com. Secty be instructed to write Messrs Lyman -  
Thomas requesting of them payment of the Ross they  
owe to the Assoc stating that term of office of present  
Board now nearly closed and they are desirous of collecting  
these acc<sup>ts</sup> being unwilling to have same on their books when  
handing same over to their successors

Being no more business meeting adjourned

H. J. McFarren

Rec Secy.



minutes of monthly meeting held Nov 2/63.

Present The Priest in the Chair - Messrs McFarren, Judge  
John Jacques Campbell. Rev. Hector Leach  
No Communication

Report of Finance Committee Oct 31/63

Govt Comm. have to report a handsome addition  
to the receipts from the course of readings by Mr Vandenhoff.  
The amount of nett profit from this service will be  
\$182.93. - During the month the Sup<sup>t</sup> was more than usually  
engaged. Had not so much time to bestow on Collecting - The  
Amt of Quibus collected during Oct. was \$102. - Govt Comm.  
are led to fear that the amt of outstanding debts that may  
be considered bad. will be larger than has been estimated.  
Govt Comm. w<sup>d</sup> recommend the pay<sup>t</sup> to Messrs  
Nordhemier of \$1400 or a/c to Mr Riddle of \$400.  
Respectfully

W D McFarren Chairman

Approved by Mr McFarren Sec & Jacques must report be rec<sup>d</sup>  
- Mr McFarren & Mr Campbell that Messrs Nordhemier  
Riddle be paid the respective sums of \$1400 & \$400 on a/c - resolved  
Comm. a/c presented by the Messrs Nordhemier for damage  
done to their ceiling by overflow of water pipe \$10. the Chairman  
of Reading R. Com. was instructed to tell Messrs N. that  
~~the~~ <sup>they</sup> have nothing to do with the matter.

Report Reading Room Com.

R. R. Com. by report that on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> ult  
Some persons or persons gained admittance to R. Room took  
from thence a Steel Engraving of St Pauls Cathedral - Entrance  
must have been obtained by the door having been left open by  
Some of the members of the Chess Club who remained after  
the Sup<sup>t</sup> had closed the room on the Saturday Evg. We think  
the Chess Club should replace it or pay the value.

They have also report that the room over the R. Room  
is being used as a Dancing Room and is a source of annoyance  
to members who frequent the room on the Evg.

We have also again today that the Sup<sup>t</sup> has so far



Kept the Rooms in admirable order & Chambers. nothing  
further to report

Sam'l Hill Chairman

Moved by Mr. Hill Sec by Mr. Judge resolved - report be read.  
Mr. McFarren Sec by Mr. Judge, <sup>resolved. That the Club</sup> be asked for part  
of Pictures stolen from room <sup>That Com: see Room closed after 10 p.m.</sup>  
Coyette & Transcripts also for advertising <sup>at no time without charge of light & attendance</sup>  
handed to Treasurer to look up.

From Lecture Com

Statement Receipts & Expenditures Vandenhoff  
readings

Receipts		\$477.32 1/2
Expenditures	44.89.	
Mr Vandenhoff.	250.-	
Rob. P. Laro	182.93 1/2	\$477.32 1/2

Moved by Mr. McFarren Sec by Mr. Judge Hector. resolved  
\* That the basis of motion concerning advantage and  
propriety of securing a building for the Assn.  
as shown in paper read to the Board be inserted  
in the Presidents Annual report.

Moved by Mr. Jacques. Sec Mr. Jacobson resolved.

That Secretary be instructed to send Special  
Circulars to members a few days before Annual  
Meeting & that in future all members be notified of  
their being so immediately after joining  
& to report from Library Committee.

Meeting adjourning till Tuesday the 17th

H. J. M. Jones  
Sec. Secy.

\* Moved by Mr. McFarren. Sec by Mr. Hector resolved.

1st That this Board is of opinion that the time has arrived  
when some steps should be taken to secure for the  
Maritime Library Association a more favorable  
position, as regards income & resources than it has



hitherto occupied

- 2<sup>nd</sup> That similar Associations in other Cities have derived liberal Encouragement, Indulgence & Support from —  
Mercantile Communities; & this Association has a fair claim on the merchants of Montreal for such material aid as would place it in a position of increased usefulness & permanent stability — 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That such aid would best accomplish the desired results by being invested in the erection of a building for the use of the Association for which purpose a sum of say \$15000 is needed, and thus would be formed the nucleus of a first class Mercantile Library, such as would be credit to the City and supply a want which is becoming more felt & apparent every day.
- 4<sup>th</sup> That this Board recommended in their Annual Report, that immediate steps be taken to carry out this object.



Tuesday Nov 17/63

Minutes of Special Meeting held this evening.

Present The President in the Chair Messrs M Lazen  
Judge Jagan Hector Angus John Steel & Lecty

The Meeting being held for to give President opportunity  
to read off of his <sup>annual</sup> Report. which he did & upon which  
considerable discussion ensued. It being finally moved  
by Mr M Lazen Sec: by Mr Hector that report as read  
be adopted and that a sufficient Copies be printed  
for distribution amongst members previous to Annual  
Meeting & resolved.

Mr Judge read off of letter from a Stranger visiting  
Montreal written by Mr Campbell. which was accepting  
our two Sentences found Satisfactory

There being no further business Meeting adjourned  
being asked by President to meet again @ 7.30 PM  
on the Evening of the Annual Meeting

A. J. M. Jones.  
J. P. Lecky.



Minutes of Annual Meeting of this Assoc held this  
Evening Monday Nov 23/63 in the Reading Room of

Present: The President in the Chair a number of Directors  
and about 50 or 60 Members.

Meeting Called to order

Minutes of Last Annual Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> 63 read & confirmed  
The President then read his ~~Annual~~ Annual Report (which  
follows on next page) & also Treasurer's Statement for the year

Mercantile Library Ass<sup>n</sup>

In cop with J. D. Jacques Jr Secy

1863.		1863	
To paid upon Rent	5 50	By Cash from late Treasurer	71 05
" " Taxes.	37 50	" " Annual Sub <sup>s</sup>	1088 16
To Salaries Mr. Haultain	291 15	" " Quardie - 1317 91	229 75
" " " Featherston	100 -	" " Special	99 -
" " Boy	96 -	" " Old Newspapers	86 16
" Incidental Expenses	59 45	" " Gifts from Lectures	449 40
" Wood	37 20	" " for fines	11 26
" Gas	127 48	" " New Books	4 35
" Postages	31 17		691
" Insurance	15 62		
" on acc of old debt	4524 66		
" Newspapers	99 42		
" Mr. Haultain's Deficiency	69 94		
" Balance	603 44		
	2030 43		2030 43

P. O. S.

Montreal Nov 23/63.

J. D. Jacques Jr.  
Treasurer.

(Continued after President's Report.)



23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the Mercantile Library  
Association

Gentlemen

Your Board of Direction in accordance with the Constitution of the Association before retiring from the honorable labor imposed upon them by your Confidence of Conducting the affairs of <sup>the</sup> Society, desire to lay before you a full and faithful account of their management together with such recommendations & suggestions for its future welfare as may prove of value to their successors in office.

Your Board were fully sensible of the fact, that at the time of their assumption of Office, the prospects of the Association were by no means brilliant, yet feeling, it an incumbent duty to do all in their power, to sustain an Institution Calculated and intended for the benefit of the young men of the City, they resolved to give their best energies to the performance of the duties you had laid upon them, and while much that they would have wished done, they have been unable to accomplish, they feel they are able to say that the prospects of the Ass<sup>n</sup> are decidedly more bright and encouraging than they were a year ago. as will be seen more fully under the head of Finances.

Your Board regret to say, that owing to continued neglect of his duties, they were Compelled to discharge the late Sup<sup>t</sup> and are pained to announce that when called upon to render an account of moneys paid him for the Association, he exhibited a considerable deficiency and your Board feel, that his Connection with the Society has been most unfortunate for its interests.

Your Board appointed the present Sup<sup>t</sup> early in September and are happy to state, that he has hitherto given every satisfaction as a careful and energetic officer.

Your Board feeling, that the Rifle Tournament held in this City in the month of October last, deserved



the Support of the Citizen generally. Called upon the  
 Member of the Ass<sup>y</sup> to Subscribe towards the prize fund  
 which Call, was immediately and handsomely responded  
 to donating them ~~to~~ to present, through the hands of your  
 President, a first prize of a Gold Medal, & a second prize  
 of the sum of Twenty Dollars, open to members of  
 Literary Societies & soon in this Case, by two members of  
 the Mechanics Institute of Montreal. Messrs Pouth and  
 Barry.

### Membership.

Our List of Members stands as follows.

Honorary Members	29.
Life	50.
Merchant	105
Peers	202
Juniors	90
Total	474

Your Board cannot but feel this number extremely  
 small for a City so large & wealthy as Montreal regret  
 that gentlemen generally, do not feel it incumbent upon  
 them, to aid and Support an Institution originated for  
 their Special benefit

### Board

At the Annual Meeting in December last, the following  
 Officers & Directors were elected.

President. Stapleton Caldecott.

Vice " W. P. McGraw.

Cor Secretary J. Judge

Rec " H. M. Deswight

Treasurer G. S. Jacques Jr

Directors Messrs Steele Wilm Linton Matchitt  
 Thomas Sutherland Middleton Ross Fisher Roach & Hector  
 Through resignations the Board now stands.

President. S. Caldecott

Vice " W. P. McGraw

Cor Secretary J. Judge

Rec " H. M. Jones.



## Board Continued

Treasurer J. D. Jagers Jr.

Director Messrs. Steele, Fido Hector, Beach

Jamieson, Angus, Bayley, Campbell, Hurley, M. Donald  
Honorary Director elected by the Board.

Hon. L. H. Holton. J. M. Thompson. Joel Baker  
Reading Room.

Our Board are happy to say that during the past year  
the attendance of Members has been good, the room under  
the care of the Present Sup<sup>t</sup>. kept clean & comfortable;

the room formerly occupied by the Chess Club being  
repaired by the Messrs. Nordhennes. our Board anxious  
to retain the Club in connection with the Association, leased  
them a portion of the Library, under certain conditions, and  
have been able in this way to add to the Revenue of the  
Institution. the

The paper & magazines at present on taken are as  
follows.

### Canadian.

Commercial Advertiser Gazette. Transcript	} Montreal Toronto. Hamilton Mount Forest. St. Catharines Kingston Ottawa Quebec Waterloo Shelburne. Montreal 3 Rivers St. John's. Halifax
Herald. Echo. Witness True Witness	
Globe Leader	
Spectator. Illustrated News.	
Examiner. H	
Constitutional	
Chronicle News	
Union	
Chronicle & Canada Gazette	
Gazette	
Gazette Leader	
Journal	
Express	
News.	
Novascotian	
United States.	
Tribune	Chicago
Advertiser & Traveller.	Boston



United States papers contd

Tribune Herald Independent Albion Shipping List.

Scottish American Illustrated News Leslie's

Illustrated. Scientific American and

Christian Engineer

New York

Great Britain

Times Illustrated News. Illustrated

Times. Punch. Bell's Life Athenaeum

Illustrator.

London

Weekly Mercury. European Times

Liverpool

Gardner

Manchester

Westonian & North British Advertiser

Edinburgh

Daily Herald

Glasgow

Freemans Journal

Dublin

Magazines

British American

Canadian

Atlantic Monthly. Hunt's. Harper's

United States

All the year round. Art Journal. Blackwood

Chambers Journal. once a week North British

London Quarterly Westminster and

Edinburgh Review

G. Britain

### Library

Under this head, your Board have little new to report: they regret that the Financial position of the Asst has prevented their making additions to the numbers of Books on the shelves.

The number of issues has been for the year 1800 500 amongst 180 Members.

They lament the present Condition of the Library feeling it altogether unworthy of the Asst or the City. loudly calling for some measure that will result in enabling the Institution to obtain a Library equal to the wants of the Community.

Your Board would acknowledge with thanks the acceptable donation from Mr Angus. of a ream of Manila Wrapping paper for the purpose of covering the books in the Library.



Statement showing the liabilities of the Mercantile Library Association as at 30 November 1865.

Due Montreal Herald for subscription	16.00		
for printing catalogue Reports &c	73.49	89	49
Montreal Gazette subscription <sup>8.00</sup> printing <sup>3.77</sup> paid		11	77
Evening Telegraph do <sup>paid</sup> 10.00 do 2.94		12	94
Montreal Transcript, advertising		3	57
Daily Witness, advertising		15	00
Toronto Globe \$12.00 <sup>paid</sup> and Leader 6.00 for subscription		18	00
Hamilton Spectator subscription		5	00
Quebec Chronicle subscription		6	00
Scottish American Journal subscription		5	00
Hunt's Merchants Magazine ditto		7	50
New York Albion ditto		4	00
New York Shipping & Commercial List. paid		10	00
Lawson Bro. for Magazines &c		73	83
Thomas Riddell, for newspapers &c		92	33
R. Patton		12	55
R. Mitchell & Co		1	60
Browse and McFarlane	debited	3	00
New City Gas Company		24	03
James Brennan bal. rent to 1 <sup>st</sup> Novemb <sup>r</sup> 55.00			
and rent for month of November	36.66	91	66
Gill & Green		11	72
John C. Becket, for printing	26.50		
less subscription of self & son.	21.00	4	00
Note granted to W. Arthur for damage by water		43	35
Note held by A. A. Murphy Esq. &c		300	00
Loan from John W. Denndu Esq. Director		110	00
Sundries not enumerated		84	00
		\$	1040 34

Should be  
\$5.50 balance



## Lectures

The number of lectures delivered before the Ass<sup>ts</sup> during the past year has not been large, owing chiefly to the difficulty your Board, has experienced in inducing men of the right stamp to visit Montreal, alas, the uncertainty of Financial success has operated to render your Board cham. of increasing responsibility of on this Connection, yet it is gratifying to be able to state that a Considerable addition has been made to the revenues of the Ass<sup>ts</sup> from this Source, as will be seen from the following statement

Profit upon Mr Vandenhoff's Readings	1862 December 57.27 March 356.72
Oct 182.99	
	<u>590.98</u>

Loss upon R. W. Emerson. = 14.45

" " D. McFowen = 127.13      141.58

Leaving a nett profit to the Ass<sup>ts</sup> of. \$449.40

Your Board would recommend the Continuance of their past policy of engaging only first class men, and giving occasional lectures, rather than a Continuous Course during the Season, at present there are no engagements pending

### Classes

Under this head, your Board have pleasure in noticing the Mercantile Literary Society, formed in Connection with the Ass<sup>ts</sup> which they are glad to say, is having a vigorous healthy & healthy growth, numbering at present over one hundred members. its meetings are held weekly, and to a Member of the Mercantile Lit<sup>y</sup> Ass<sup>ts</sup> the joining fee, is placed at the nominal sum of \$1.00 - The Society is doing a useful work amongst us, and well deserves the Cordial support of every member of this Ass<sup>ts</sup>

### Finances

A reference to the last annual Report, will show that the Ass<sup>ts</sup> entered the past year, with not only a large actual debt but the prospect of a further deficit Accumulating, that your Board, have been able to defray the Current Expenses of the year, and also to reduce somewhat the Am<sup>t</sup> of the old debt, is due to the following Causes viz. first, an increase in the rate of Subscriptions second, Acquisition of new.



members and third profits from lectures

By a resolution of the Ass<sup>y</sup> in January last, the rate of Subscription for Senior Members was raised from Three to Four Dollars. By this means, about \$160. was added to the income of the Ass<sup>y</sup> - Through the Energy of a few of the Directors, Considerable additions were made to the membership last winter, giving a revenue of \$441. - The nett proceeds of lectures during the year was \$449.40.

By these various means, it was fully expected that the close of the present year, would have found the Ass<sup>y</sup> nearly, if not quite free from debt, and this would no doubt, have been the Case if it had not been for the large losses caused by the misconduct & neglect of the late Sup<sup>t</sup> - Apart from the actual money loss sustained, the delay & inattention in collecting Subscriptions caused the bad debts to be very largely increased, as many members, who would probably have paid early in the year, had they been called upon, <sup>have</sup> now left the City, or become unable or unwilling to pay - In some Cases where the latter objection seemed to be the Cause of non-payment of dues and where systematic use of the Library & Reading Room could be proved, your Board, have taken legal steps to collect the same as empowered by the Act of Incorporation.

Your Board, would desire to express their appreciation of the kindness of the Hon Jas Rose in permitting the debt due to him by the Ass<sup>y</sup> to remain unpaid and it is to be hoped, that much longer forbearance may not be called for.

The thanks of the Ass<sup>y</sup> are also due to the Messrs. Korthmeier, for their kindness in not pressing their claim, which during the year, has been reduced about \$300. -

The total debt now due by the Ass <sup>y</sup> is as follows.	
Due for Current Expenses this year	\$ 292.00
But against which there are to be collected	
Subscriptions supposed to be quite good.	250. -
	\$ 42. -
Old Debt of the Ass <sup>y</sup>	588. -
	\$ 630
Less Room on hand	40. -
	\$ 590. -



The Current yearly Expenses of the Assoc with no appropriation  
whatever for the Library amount to about. \$ 1700. —

There are supposed to be about 300 foreign  
Subscribers now on the books yielding revenue  
of about \$ 1350.00

& from other sources apart from Lectures  
a further sum may be expected of say 150. — 1500. —  
Deficit \$ 200. —

The number of names on the Membership List at the  
Commencement of last year by its means showed the actual  
number of bona fide Members, as it has been found, that in many  
Cases, names had been put down without the Consent of the parties  
interested, & also that Resignations were said to have been given  
from late Sept which were never entered upon our books. many  
names have been written off for the reasons, thereby largely adding  
to the total number of resignations

Your Board would suggest a thorough revision of the  
list of Members, removing the names of all who have for a stated  
time refused or neglected to pay — in Connection with this it  
is recommended that payment of dues be Cash in advance  
believing that this would be very little objected to, and would  
much lessen the bad debts of the Assoc.

### Conclusion

In Conclusion gentlemen your Board feel that in  
order that the Association, should occupy its true position in this  
City as an Educational & useful Institution something  
requires to be done to place it in a more independent  
position, and as expressing these views, passed <sup>at</sup> their last  
Monthly Meeting the following resolutions

- 1<sup>st</sup> That this Board is of opinion that the time has arrived  
when some steps should be taken to secure for the  
Mercantile Library Assoc a more favorable position as  
regards income resources, than it has hitherto occupied
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That similar Assoc<sup>ns</sup> in other Cities, have, ever received  
liberal encouragement, endorsement & support from Mercantile  
Communities, & this Assoc has a fair claim upon the Merchants  
of Montreal for such material aid as would place it in a



position of increased usefulness & permanent stability

3<sup>rd</sup> That such aid would best accomplish the desired result by being invested in the direction of a building for the use of the Association. For which purpose a sum of say \$45000. would be sufficient. & thus would be formed the nucleus of a first class Library. Such as would be a credit to the City and supply a want. which is becoming more felt & apparent every day.

4<sup>th</sup> That this Board recommend in their Annual report that immediate steps be taken to carry out this object.

It now remains for you gentlemen to say. Whether this project shall be ushered into life or not; the necessity for a move in this direction must be apparent to all: with a building ~~such~~ as is proposed in the foregoing resolutions we might take our rightful place in the Community - and while the Mechanics of the City have been able, with commendable energy, to erect a handsome edifice for literary purposes, shall it be said that the Mercantile Community of this City lack that Public Spirit in literary matters, <sup>which</sup> has so eminently distinguished them in every other enterprise in which they have engaged.

The whole respectfully submitted

Stapleton Caldecott  
President

W. J. Jones  
Sec. Secy.

I,

The Members of the Mercantile Library Association  
Met and 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1853



Continuation of Junior Annual Meeting Nov 23/83

Moved by Mr Matchitt Sec. by Mr Boyd that the report be rec<sup>d</sup> & not  
Before putting motion Mr Sinton asked for information Corro.  
Mr Hawkins deficit - sealed out.

Motion for Reception of Report put & Carried  
The President then answered Mr Sinton Corro late Supt deficit  
to the effect that it arose from his having collected monies committed  
to credit amt<sup>e</sup>

A Mr R. A. Booth wished to know whether the Meeting was legal  
as he understood that 10 days notice was ~~really~~ requisite was  
informed that the Meeting was perfectly legal the Constitution  
requiring it to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Monday in November on such  
year -

Moved by Mr Sinton Sec by Mr Middlemiss That Report be adopted  
• in Amendment by Mr Pirbright Sec by Mr Matchitt that  
Report be adopted Clause by Clause according to Custom  
• in Amendment by Mr McLawrie Sec by Mr Filer that report  
do not now be adopted.

Mr McLawrie's Amendment put & Carried -  
It was then moved by Mr McLawrie Sec by Mr Stule. both gentlemen  
prefacing their motion with appropriate remarks.

"That it would be advisable to erect a building for the use of the  
Association, and for this purpose immediate steps should be taken  
to secure the necessary funds as recommended by the Board"

Messrs Pirbright Stule Judge Sinton. Stephens Mr Lawrie  
took part in debate. after which the President put Mr McLawrie  
Motion which was Carried almost unanimously (1 exception)

The Hon Jas Garry Seconded by A. J. Shaw. moved  
(with 1/2 hours speech) That a Committee be appointed to take such  
preliminary steps as they may deem best adapted to  
accomplish the object in view. & to report progress at the  
Meeting in Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Com: to consist of

S. Caldecott Pres	Wm J McLawrie
Wm Workman	J. M. Thomson
Thos Crauf	John McLawrie
Thos Lyman	Hon Jas Garry A. J. Shaw
with power to add to their number.	



Mr. McLaren stated that the Hon. Justice had wished him to inform the meeting of his earnest ~~and~~ wishes for the success of the undertaking & of the Association - His illness now prevented him doing anything to further the interests of the Acad. but he should be happy to do what lay in his power when his health was restored to him.

Messrs Geo. McLennan & J. Boyd followed on Hon. Justice's Motion which was then put & carried unanimously.  
Mr. Geo. Stephens sec. by Mr. Boyd moved that the President's Report be adopted - Carried unanimously.  
Moved by Mr. J. W. Stephens sec. by Mr. Boyd. That thanks of the Association be due to the Officers & Members of the Board. Carried & read.

The President returned thanks.

Mr. Pierwright said that as Report showed but the small sum of \$500 at debit of Acad. it would be well for them present to subscribe a sufficient sum to pay off the debt. <sup>it</sup> would <sup>also</sup> show to the merchants of Montreal that we the Clerks were not merely crying out to them for <sup>five</sup> francs and refusing to put our hands into <sup>our</sup> <sup>own</sup> pockets.

Mr. Pierwright's spirited action in this matter was well followed up & the large sum of \$293. was subscribed on the spot.

The President read list of Subscriptions & thanked the Members for their generosity.

Moved by Mr. McLaren sec. by Mr. Stuart that Meeting adjourn. Carried.

W. J. M. Jones  
Sec. Retg.



Minutes of Annual meeting for Election of Officers  
held this evening Dec 9/63  
Present. Vice-President in the chair in absence of President  
a number of Directors 16 or 20 Members.

Minutes of meeting on Nov 23/63 read & confirmed  
Communication

John P. Caldecott Pres. regretting his absence and stating  
his thanks to those friends who proposed proposing him as Vice  
President for coming year. stating that were it not that he was  
compelled to be absent for next two weeks he should have had  
great pleasure in serving.

Meeting then proceeded to Ballot for new Officers as  
follows.

Mr. Purnright first proposing that Hon Jas Young should be  
elected by acclamation which the Vice President said was Contrary  
to Constitution Refused.

Hon President

Hon Jas Young elected by unanimous vote  
Hon Vice President

P. Caldecott 40 Votes

W. P. McGraw 22 -

W. Angus 1 - Mr. Caldecott declared elected.

Hon Cor. Secy.

J. Judge 57. -

R. F. Hector.

General others } 1 - Jas W. Judge do do

Hon. Secy.

Allen Purnright 45 -

W. P. McGraw 16 -

P. H. Denton 1 -

M. Donaldson 1 -

J. P. Sutton 1 - Mr. Purnright do do

Treasurer.

W. P. McGraw 62 -

J. Judge 15 - Mr. McGraw do do



# For Directors

J. Lyman	69 votes
Jas Stewart	66 "
G.D. Jacques.	65 "
R. Thomas	62 "
H.J. Shaw	62 "
A.A. Murphy	61 "
J.L. Stule	59 "
J.W. Ritchie	58 "
B.C. Rector	58 "
P.R. Runtun	50 "
J.W. Stephens	23 "
Wm. Rogers.	17 "
A.M. Gibbon	15 "
M.F. McJorris.	10 "

This 10 declared elected.

and several others having 4 votes  
and under.

The Chairman then Called upon Hor J. Goring for report of  
Committee appointed on Nov 23/63 to take preliminary  
steps towards Election of Building for the Acad.  
Hor J. Goring then reported Verbally to the effect that  
the Com: had been unanimous in the opinion that a building  
was necessary. but believed that the Sum of \$15000 as at first  
mentioned could not be sufficient for the purpose. ~~and~~  
being the opinion of Com: that in order to erect a large and  
fine building with room for spacious Library Reading  
Room & Class Rooms some \$20000. or \$25000. would be  
required. The Com: had made Inquiries of Prof. ~~the~~ sites  
eligible for such a purpose. & found no lack of them but  
before making any arrangements Prof. Sitten Titan explained  
(Mr Goring had written to some friends of his in the U.S. for plans  
of similar buildings in their Cities) it was first necessary  
to ascertain whether the project would be well received by  
the Mercantile Community. ~~A building was erected.~~  
No building should be commenced until a sufficient  
sum had been Subscribed to make it when completed. free  
& Clear from debt.



The intended building might have shops ~~built~~ <sup>for a self-sustaining com</sup> on the ground floor and these might be rented, <sup>to</sup> put the Library into a proper state and supply it with new books as they came out. it might also allow of weekly lectures during the season for the members and as in some other cities works of art or science might be purchased. & this would very materially contribute towards making the rooms a favorite place of resort for young men.

Hon Jas Garry continued his remarks - eulogizing upon the report. & concluded by moving res: by Mr T.D. Brown.

That in consequence of report just made the following gentlemen <sup>be a committee</sup> for the purpose of ascertaining how far & to what extent the Merchants of the City approve of the plan to erect a new Building for the use of the M. L. Ass<sup>n</sup> viz

✓ Hon Geo Moffatt.	✓ Hon L. H. Holton.	✓ Hon Jas Garry.
✓ Hon Jas Rice	✓ Wm M. Mason	✓ David Torrance.
✓ Jas Torrance	✓ Peter Macfarlane	✓ Benj. Holmes
✓ J. H. B. McLeod	✓ J. M. Thomson	✓ Geo Mackay
✓ Mr M. Ferman	✓ Geo W. Smith	✓ Thos G. Campbell
✓ Wm J. MacFarlane	✓ Andrew Allan	✓ Jas Fernie Jr
✓ Jas O'Brien	✓ Jas F. Smith	✓ Geo Brothie
✓ Jas MacKay.	✓ Andrew Wilson	✓ H. J. Shaw
✓ J. F. Penny	✓ Jas Lowe.	✓ J. A. Patterson
✓ And. L. L.	✓ Thos. Lygdon	✓ J. H. Wain
✓ Wm M. Dargall	✓ Thos Workman	✓ Henry Lygdon
✓ Geo Stephens	✓ Thos. Brown	✓ D. A. P. Watt
✓ H. Thomas	✓ Jas Grant.	✓ Thos Hart.
✓ J. A. Prentice	✓ M. H. Cockran	✓ M. H. Seymour
✓ Chaupin Brown.	✓ H. Nelson	✓ R. W. Macchitt
✓ Jas Dargall.	✓ J. W. Stephens	✓ Jas. Stewart
✓ Jas Leeming.	✓ L. M. Hall.	✓ R. Campbell
✓ L. R. Middlemiss		

With the Board of Direction to be elected this evening. Mr T.D. Brown, Mr M. Ferman, J. H. Wain, Jas Leeming, followed on Mr Garry's motion which was put & carried unanimously.

Mr Peter Drummond followed motion to same effect.



It was then moved by Mr. Piermijnt Sec by Mr. Geo. Royal.  
resolved "That we the Clerk and other members of the M. L. Ass<sup>n</sup>  
being deeply impressed with the value of our Ass<sup>n</sup> as an Educational  
Institution and earnestly desirous of increasing its usefulness  
both to our own Class & to the Community at large. do hereby  
pledge ourselves, to second to the utmost of our ability any efforts  
that the Merchants of this City may make to place the affair  
upon a firm & prosperous foundation.

Mr. Murphy stating that he would be unable to act as  
Director in consequence of business engagements

Mr. Thomas replied to him

Moved by Mr. Piermijnt Sec by Mr. Angus resolved.

That Messrs. Geo. Wingau & Geo. Brown be the Auditors  
for the Ass<sup>n</sup> for the ensuing year.

There being no further business meeting adjourned

H. J. Murphy.  
Sec Secy (last time)



Montreal Decr 11<sup>th</sup> /63

Minutes of  
Sessant. The Vice Presd Mr McLaughlin - Mr Judge. Jacques  
Aston. Secy

The Vice Presd took the Chair in absence of Presd  
minutes of last monthly meeting read & confirmed

The Vice President then in a few remarks transferred  
the Chair to the President Elect The Honble John Young. and  
with the <sup>parting</sup> inclusion of the Board for 1863 left the room. The  
newly elected Board Commencing their duties.

R. J. M. Jones  
returning Peter Leary



***1863-4.***



Montreal 15<sup>th</sup> December 1863

Minutes of meeting of New Board of Direction  
for 1863-4

Present. - The Hon. John Young president in the chair  
Messrs Ritchie, Thomas, Steele, Lyman, Shaw,  
Jaques, Judge Hector, Stewart & Siemwright

Communications received and read from Messrs  
M.P. McLaren Treasurer and A.A. Murphy  
Director resigning their respective offices

After short discussion, both were accepted.  
the former on motion of Mr Judge seconded  
by Mr Hector, and the latter on motion  
of Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Jaques

Mr Jaques was then appointed Treasurer vice  
Mr. McLaren resigned; Mr McLaren Director  
vice Jaques; Mr J. McLennan Director vice  
Mr Murphy resigned. - all being unanimously  
appointed.

Mr Young then informed the Board of result  
of meeting of Committee appointed at  
General meeting of the association.

Messrs Thomas, Shaw & Jaques, were appointed  
a committee to prepare a list of names  
and residences of members of the M. C. A.  
the members of the Board to meet  
on Thursday evening; and divide into  
sub-committees - to canvass the members  
of the ass<sup>n</sup> for subscriptions towards  
the fund for the erection of new building

On motion of Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Shaw  
Messrs Thomas Cramp, Hon L. Molton  
Med. Kay and Henry Thomas  
were appointed Temporary Directors for  
ensuing year.

Meeting then adjourned until Monday evening 21<sup>st</sup> inst  
Attest  
Sec.



Montreal, 21<sup>st</sup> Decr 1863

Minutes of adjourned meeting

Present: Messrs McLaren, Jacques Thomas,  
Steel Stewart Ritchie McLennan Gynan  
Hector and Sierrwright —

On motion of Mr Thomas Sec. by Mr Steel  
Mr McLaren was requested to act as  
Chairman in the absence of President  
and vice do —

Minutes of last meeting read and  
Confirmed.

Committees for ensuing year submitted by  
Chairman and Confirmed by meeting, viz—  
Library — Reading Room —  
John McLennan Chairman R Thomas Chairman  
J. L. Steele Theo. Gynan  
H. J. Shaw Am. Sierrwright

— Finance — Lecture —  
Hon John Young Chairman E. Judge Chairman  
Wm R. McLaren James Stewart  
G. B. Jacques Jr R. G. Hector

— Class —  
~~A. Caldwell~~ Chairman  
J. W. Ritchie  
P. A. Burton

Informal reports of Carrass presented  
showing success

On motion of Mr Jacques Sec by Mr Hector  
the Treasurer was authorized to pay  
Hon John Rose amount of his claim  
from money collected at General meeting  
and balance to Messrs A & S Nordheimer  
A letter and other documents from A & S Nord-  
heimer were submitted to meeting, in  
which these gentlemen claimed damages for



## Finance Report continued:

The debt of the ass<sup>n</sup> was estimated in  
Novr last at 590.00

add to this assets estimated as  
good but since found to be bad 60.00

deficit - current year 156.12 886.12

of which has been collected by  
Special Subscriptions, about 300.  
making in all the sum of pay \$ 506.12  
to be provided for this year, in order to place  
the association entirely free from debt.

Your Com. would most strongly urge that  
the efforts of the Board should be directed to  
the accomplishment of this object, and  
primarily to the procuring of a sufficient  
number of new members to enable the ass<sup>n</sup> at  
least to pay current expenses - The annual  
loss of members from natural causes is  
about 60, and while the attractions of the  
ass<sup>n</sup> are so limited, there is greater need of exertion  
on the part of the Board to add to the Membership.

In this connection it may be noted that there  
are still on the list of membership the names of  
some parties who have not paid any subscription  
for one or more years, but who are constantly  
in the habit of using the Reading Room, and  
even of taking books from the Library. Your  
Com. are of opinion, that in such cases, the  
By-laws of the ass<sup>n</sup> should be courteously but  
firmly enforced.

The amount collected by Special Subscriptions  
to pay the debt is \$298. From this the sum  
of \$160 has been paid to the Hon John Rose.

The interest on the money (originally \$300)  
advanced by Mr Rose, amounted to 73<sup>26</sup>, which  
amount was generously donated to the ass<sup>n</sup>.

The Messrs Rodheimer have been paid



Insurance report continued:—  
 \$160 on a/c, and a reply to their claim for  
 damages by water has been sent by this  
 Com. Their rejoinder will be laid  
 before the Board to night.

Application has been made to the  
 European ass<sup>nce</sup> Company to guarantee the  
 Superintendent to the extent of \$500—  
 no reply has been received yet

Respectfully submitted  
 (signed) John Young  
 Chairman

## Treasurers Report for December

Dd

To Cash for annual subscription,	221.50
" " Hon John Rose ' donation	73.26
" " Special sub <sup>n</sup> at annual meeting	288.00
" Balance from last year	60.34
	643.10

C<sup>o</sup>

By cash p <sup>d</sup> water tax to May 1864	22.00
" " " Insurance	15.62
" " " wood a/c	5.85
" " " Postages	2.87
" " " Disc <sup>t</sup> on silver	7.01
" " " Salary Superintendent	33.33
" " " " Pay	8.00
" " " Hiddell on a/c—	40.00
" " " Hon John Rose bal. in full due since 1857	233.26
" " " A & S Werdheimer on a/c	160.00
" " " N.Y. Shipping List 2 yrs	11.50
" " " Incidental expenses	3.57
" " " Sup <sup>dent</sup> Com. on collection	3.70
" Balance on hand	96.39
	643.10

E.E. Montreal

4 Jan 1864 (signed) G.E. Jacques Jr Treasurer



Messrs Asst Secretaries letter was read, and after short discussion was placed in the hands of Mr H. J. Shaw, who consented to settle the dispute with these gentlemen, and to report at next meeting.

On motion of Mr McLaren seconded by Mr Sewright, the Report of the Finance Com<sup>y</sup> was received -

Mr McLennan moved seconded by Mr McLaren that the thanks of this Board be given to the Hon John Rose for his liberality in giving the Association the use of a large sum of money for a period of years without interest, and that the Secretary be instructed to convey the same to him - Carried nem: con:

### Report of the Reading Rooms Committee

The R. R. Com. have nothing special to report since the annual meeting, although they have had under consideration the expediency of discontinuing a few papers and replacing them with others that might give to the Room increased interest.

They are not yet prepared to make any formal recommendation to the Board - Your Com<sup>y</sup> also contemplate making some changes in the method of keeping the papers on file, which will add to the convenience of readers, and the appearance of the Room, & some slight expense may thus be incurred, not however exceeding a few dollars.

The annual sale of newspapers Magazines &c has been fixed for tomorrow evening at 8 O'clock, and your Com<sup>y</sup> suggest the propriety of the Board considering if it would not be advisable to retain the following newspapers and magazines which have hitherto been sold viz:- Toronto Globe and Leader, Montreal Herald and Gazette, New York Herald, Tribune, Shipping



## RR Committee Report Continued:-

List, Scientific American and Hunts Merchants Magazine, also, the London Times, "Chambers Journal North British Review, London Quarterly do, Westminster do, Edinburgh do, and Blackwoods magazine

Respectfully submitted  
(signed) R. Thomas  
Chairman

Moved by Mr <sup>Thomas</sup> ~~McChesman~~ seconded by Mr ~~McLavin~~ that the RR Com: report be received - carried  
~~On motion of Mr Thomas seconded by Mr~~  
~~McChesman the RR Com: were directed not to~~  
~~sell the above named newspapers and~~  
~~periodicals, - carried~~ <sup>Cancelled</sup> See top of next page  
ansd

Lecture Committee verbally Reported having written to Mr Gough, and their intention to write to Hon George Brown.

An animated discussion elicited the following suggestion of names, as suitable viz: Hon E. Everett, - O.W. Holmes, - W. H. Phillips - Prof Wilson - J. G. Johnson - & Professor Johnson

The Lecture Com: were requested to communicate with those gentlemen and report  
Verbal report from Hon John Gough showed that the General Com: appointed at annual meeting, had held 2 sittings and that the amount now subscribed for new building was a little over \$10,000 - with a large number of persons yet to call upon - Some members of the Board reported progress

An understanding was arrived at that all clerks, whether members of the ass<sup>n</sup> or not, <sup>might</sup> ~~were~~ be waited upon in canvassing



Moved by Mr Thomas seconded by Mr McHenry  
that all the papers recommended in the R. R. Com<sup>Report</sup>  
be kept and not sold as formerly.

Moved in amendment by Mr McHenry  
seconded by Mr Hector that <sup>only</sup> the following  
papers be retained:-

Montreal Herald, Toronto Globe - Eng. Shipping  
List - Hunts Merchants Magazine and Black-  
-wood Magazine;

The amendment having been put to the  
meeting was lost, and the main motion  
carried

Mr McHenry drew attention to 5% com<sup>mt</sup>  
which was allowed to Superintendent on all  
Collections last year and requested to know  
whether this Com<sup>mt</sup> should be again allowed  
referred to Finance Com<sup>tee</sup>

The following accts were referred to RR  
Com: J. J. Foote 2.50  
Post office 1.19 } to be paid if  
Herald 13.57 } Corrected  
Reader " "

The meeting then adjourned until Jan  
18<sup>th</sup> inst at 8 O'clock

W. Siemwright  
Pres. Sec. M.A.



Montreal 18 January 1864

Minutes of adjourned meeting held this evening:-

Present. - Messrs John Young President Messrs  
M. Lemmon, M. Chareau, Thomas, Lyman  
Steel, Judge, Shaw, Burton & Sierrwright

In the absence of Mr Young at the beginning  
of the meeting - Mr Thomas was requested to  
act as chairman

Minutes of last meeting were then read  
and confirmed

Communication from Mr Caldecott Vice  
President of the Association resigning his  
office was read.

Mr Young entering took the chair when  
Mr Thomas moved seconded by Mr Burton  
that Mr Caldecott's resignation be accepted  
Carried -

Mr Thomas, Chairman Reading Room  
Committee <sup>reported</sup> that the Annual sale of  
Papers had taken place; and <sup>had</sup> realized  
the sum of \$61 - or about \$20 less than  
last year - <sup>Certain papers being preserved, as</sup>  
<sup>ordered by Board at previous meeting</sup>  
Mr M. Chareau was then Elected by  
ballot to fill the office of Vice-Pres-  
vacant through resignation of Mr  
Caldecott

Mr M. Chareau on behalf of Finance  
Com. reported that a letter from  
Messrs A & S Nordheimer of date 5 Jan'y  
withdrawing their claim for damage  
caused by overflow of water, would be  
submitted to meeting -

Letter to that effect was then  
read and the Secretary instructed  
to acknowledge receipt thereof.

Lecture Com. verbally reported  
that they had written to Prof. Wilson



who had replied to their Communication stating that he could not visit Montreal before 1<sup>st</sup> May next

Special Com. (Mr Thomas Chairman) reported that they had examined the following rooms, which they thought <sup>were</sup> well suited for the purposes of the M. L. A. viz. - room belonging to J. Brennan, St. John St. (between St. James and Notre Dame); room over Toronto Bank, St. James St.; room presently occupied by Mrs Gum St. James St.; room over Prowse and M. Parlanes St. James St.; and room in Hart's Building St. John St., corner of Notre Dame St.

Committee was continued and directed to make a further report at next meeting.

Discussion followed relative to Cannon when it was shown from reports received that nearly \$14000 had been subscribed

Hon John Young reported that Mr McLaren and himself had purchased the parcel of land on St. Joseph which had been spoken of as a site for the new building, and that whenever the Association required it, ~~it~~ it could be had from them on precisely the same terms, and at same price as they had purchased paid for it -

Secretary was directed to call a meeting of Board and Merchants Com. for Thursday evening, in order that steps might be taken to continue the canvass more actively than heretofore

Meeting then adjourned to meet again on Monday evening 25<sup>th</sup> inst at 8 O'Clock p.m.

Amberwright  
Res Sec



Montreal 25<sup>th</sup> January 1864

Minutes of adjourned meeting held this evening  
Present. - Mr W. B. M. Lareu (in the chair); Messrs  
Thomas, Lyman, Shaw, Steele, Stewart, Hector  
Leewright

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.  
Mr. Thomas (Chairman Special Committee)  
reported that Messrs A & S. Nordheimer had  
been called upon relative to further accommo-  
-dation in order to prevent a removal on  
1<sup>st</sup> May, but failed to get decided answer  
until Mr Nordheimer arrived from Toronto, on  
1<sup>st</sup> Feb.

It was then moved by Mr Steele seconded  
by Mr Stewart that the House Com. be  
Empowered to treat with Messrs A & S  
Nordheimer for a lease of the whole of  
the lower flat, - the Association giving up  
to them the use of the two rooms up  
stairs - at same rent as now paid  
and, as the room over the Reading Room is  
now occupied in a way detrimental to the  
interests of the ass<sup>y</sup>, & contrary to the conditions  
of the lease present engagement - the Com. be  
instructed to demand that this be remedied  
in future, and if these arrangements cannot  
be made that the Com. be authorized to  
procure some other suitable rooms - Carried

Moved by Mr Steele seconded by Mr Stewart  
that the Vice-President be added to  
House Com. Carried -

Meeting then adjourned

A. Leewright

Res. Sec. M. B. A.

Moved by Mr Steele seconded by Mr Shaw that the Socy Com.  
be authorized to engage Messrs A. G. L. and G. G. for next  
year and that they be recommended to write to the



Montreal 1<sup>st</sup> February 1864

Minutes of regular monthly meeting

Present. - The president (in the chair) Messrs  
McLaren, Thomas, Stewart, Jaques, Hector, Lyman  
Burton, Shaw and Sierwright

minutes of last meeting read and confirmed  
a letter from Mr E Judge tendering his resignation  
previous to his departure to England was read  
Moved by Mr Sierwright Seconded by Mr Jaques  
that Mr Judge be informed that the Board  
does not consider <sup>that</sup> his absence for two months  
requires his resignation, and that Mr Hector be  
appointed to act as corresponding secretary  
until Mr Judge's return - carried.

Messrs Young and McLaren volunteered to call  
on Sir W<sup>m</sup> Logan and solicit his influence  
to bring Professor Agassiz to Montreal -

A telegraph from Messrs A. & S. Nordheimer  
was read, relative to renewal of lease on terms  
embodied in resolution passed at last meeting

Moved by Mr McLaren, seconded by Mr Stewart,  
that the House Committee be instructed to engage  
rooms at once and not to await Mr Nordheimer's  
expected arrival in Montreal, inasmuch as that  
gentleman fails to give any definite decision in  
his telegraph -

Finance Committee & Treasurers Reports  
were received on motion of Mr McLaren  
seconded by Mr Jaques

The following acfs were referred to R. R.  
Com: - J Kiddell <sup>136.30</sup> B. Dawson <sup>54.06</sup> J.C. Beckett <sup>17.</sup> Herald <sup>36.90</sup>  
Quebec Chronicle <sup>3.00</sup> Spectator <sup>9.</sup> Mitchell Cockburn <sup>1.60</sup>  
C.C. Snowdon <sup>0.35</sup> ; to report at next meeting.  
Messrs A & S Nordheimer's acf. <sup>468.70</sup> was referred  
to Finance Com: to report at next meeting.



the Superintendent, with the express understanding that this ~~arrangement~~ shall extend only to the close of the present financial year. —

Various accounts will be herewith laid before the Board, & your Committee would recommend the payment to Messrs. Goodwin of the quarter rent now due, & the settlement of such other accounts as may be properly certified by the different Committees to whom they will be referred. —

The additions to the membership during last month were not so large as your Committee hoped they would be, and in order to enable the Association to meet its current liabilities during the year, some greater effort is needed, & the obtaining of new members ~~being~~<sup>is</sup>, in the opinion of your Committee, the most natural & legitimate method of accomplishing this. —

Respectfully submitted

Amos W. Larn  
pro. Chairman

To the President & Board  
of Directors of the  
M. L. Assn.  
Bourneville







# Cash Statement

## Month of January 1884

Balance Cash on hand from December	96.39
Cash for Annual subscriptions	309.75
" " Special subscription	5.00
" for sale of old papers	40.79
" from Chess club	15.00
" for fines	1.52
"	<u>\$ 468.45</u>

Raid Incidental expenses	17.20
" Postage acct	1.19
Montreal Gazette ac	13.84
Month Leader 3 years sub	18.00
Superintendent 1 mo salary	33.33
Boy do do	8.00
Prem of Guarantee Insurance on Superintendent	2.50
Balance	<u>369.39</u>

\$ 468.45

C. Montreal February 1<sup>st</sup> 1884

*Erasmus*  
*Treasurer*  
*M.A.*







A Ballot for a new director to fill vacancy on Board, resulted in election of Mr J.C. Sinton.

Library Committee promised to report at next meeting -

It was ascertained by comparing subscription books, that a little over \$16,000 had been subscribed, while many had yet to be called upon -

On motion of Mr Stewart seconded by Mr Siewright the meeting adjourned to meet again on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> inst at 2 p.m. in Corn Exchange.

The Secretary was directed to notify the 11 gentlemen composing Merchants Com. to attend

Ansiewright Sec. Sec.

Montreal 11<sup>th</sup> February 1864

Special meeting of Board held this morning

Present:- Messrs McLaren, Steele, Thomas, Jaques and Siewright

Moved by Mr Steele, seconded by Mr Thomas " That in the absence of the President, the Vice. President be hereby empowered to sign the lease with Mr Brennan for the new premises in St John St for the use of the ass<sup>n</sup> carried -

The meeting then adjourned

Ansiewright  
Sec. Sec. M. & A



Montreal 7<sup>th</sup> March 1864

Minutes of monthly meeting held this evening.

Present

The President Hon John Young in the chair  
Messrs McLarin, McLeunan, Lyman, Steele  
Jacques Buntow Sinton Hector & Hewright

Letter from Mr Perkins, asking payment  
of adf., laid on table

Lecture Committee reported engagement of  
Rev. Mr. Fletcher

Library Committee - No report -

Treasurers report received and following  
adf. submitted: - Nordheimer \$468.70

Mr Jacques directed to wait upon the  
Messrs Nordheimer in reference thereto and report

Moved by Mr McLeunan seconded by  
Mr Lyman: That the Treasurer be instructed  
to write forthwith to all members in arrears  
for one years subscription or more with a  
view to the enforcement of Bye-law No 8 Section 2

Mr McLarin reported having leased  
Brennan's Room, St. John St @ £110 per annum  
ass<sup>n</sup> putting up gas fixtures -

On motion of McLarin seconded by  
Mr Hector, the Library Committee were  
authorized to print a new Catalogue -

Meeting then adjourned

M. Hewright

Rec. Sec. M. H. A



Montreal 10<sup>th</sup> March 1861  
Minutes of special meeting held this evening  
Present

Mr McLarin in the chair; Messrs  
Steele, Thomas, Hector, Stewart and Sinton

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr  
Sinton was appointed to act as Secretary

The Chairman read a note from Mr  
Vandenhoff; offering to give three readings  
Early in April on the usual terms, with  
an entirely new programme

Moved by Mr Thomas, Seconded by  
Mr Stewart, that the Lecture Committee  
be authorized to engage Mr Vandenhoff on  
the terms proposed - carried

Messrs McLarin & Thomas were  
appointed to make arrangements for the  
removal of the Library to the new Rooms  
of the ass<sup>n</sup>, and the Corresponding Secy  
was instructed to write to the Secretary  
of the W.C. Gas Co, requesting him to have  
the Gas put into the building at as  
early a day as possible

On motion of Mr Thomas seconded  
by Mr Stewart it was resolved that  
the thanks of the ass<sup>n</sup> are due, and are  
hereby tendered to Mr John Barry for his  
timely donation of covers for the Illustrated  
papers in the Reading Room of the ass<sup>n</sup>

The Reading Room Committee were  
instructed to report as to the saving  
which may be effected by procuring  
newspapers from the publishers direct  
instead of from Mr Piddell as at  
present, Meeting then adjourned

Rec Sec Mo. teno.



Montreal 4<sup>th</sup> April 1864

Monthly meeting of the M. L. A. held this evening.

Present: Messrs McLaren (in the chair), McLeunan, Thomas, Stewart, Steele, Hector, Shaw, Lyman, Sinton, Jaques & Leivwright

Minutes of monthly meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> March and special held 16<sup>th</sup> March, read & confirmed

Finance Committee's report presented as follows: "Your committee regret to have to

"report that the collections have very much fallen off during the past month, although the superintendent has worked hard yet he has only succeeded in collecting \$102 -

"This sum is much better than was done in the corresponding month last year, but much less than for the three preceding months of this year. The total amount collected for annual subscriptions since 1<sup>st</sup> Decr. is \$857<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

"In accordance with a resolution passed at a

Remains unpaid



The Treasurer presented a report showing  
receipts for month of February to be \$619<sup>62</sup>  
expenditure \$467.05 + cash on hand \$152<sup>64</sup>  
Month of March receipts \$255<sup>04</sup> expenditure  
\$52<sup>50</sup>, + cash on hand \$200<sup>54</sup>

Treasurer also submitted following acci-  
Hamilton Times \$10.52 ref<sup>d</sup> to R. R. Com.  
Sillimans Journal \$5. ordered to be discontinued  
John Dougall Jon \$7.61 Treasurer to pay  
J. Riddell \$44.10 ref<sup>d</sup> to R. R. Com.

Lecture Com. report - that early last  
month they entered into an engagement with  
Rev J. B. Fletcher - to deliver two lectures on  
Brazil, which were accordingly delivered  
on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March  
+ although these lectures were of a very  
interesting nature + fully equalled the  
expectations of your Com. they regret to  
have to state that they did not receive  
sufficient support - from the members of  
this ass<sup>n</sup> + consequently a loss of \$34<sup>93</sup>



has been sustained by them - your Com. have  
much pleasure in announcing that they have secured  
Mr Vandenhoff to give three Readings on the 12. 13 & 14  
of this month, from which they expect to realize  
a profit that will pay off the loss made by  
Mr Fletcher's lectures & also add a considerable  
sum to the funds of the ass<sup>n</sup>

The whole of which is respectfully submitted  
(Signed) A. G. Hector -

Ch<sup>m</sup> Ex. Com. pro tem

W. R. Com. to report at next monthly meeting

On motion of Mr Hector - seconded by Mr  
Thomas the thanks of the Board were tendered  
to Mr McKennan who kindly entertained Mr  
Hector during his stay in Montreal  
Library Com: reported Catalogue in course of  
preparation

Moved by Mr McKennan and seconded  
by Mr Sinton, "That the Superintendent be  
instructed by the Reading Room Com: to  
enforce the rules existing for ascertaining the  
right of all persons who visit the room  
that if necessary, a system of tickets  
for visitors be adopted" carried -

On motion of Mr Simeurright, the Treasurer  
was instructed to take legal steps to collect  
arrear of subscription due by Richard  
McDonnell - advocate - carried

Treasurer was instructed to prepare a  
list of Life Members of the ass<sup>n</sup>  
meeting then adjourned

A. Simeurright  
Rec Sec. W. R. A



Montreal 27<sup>th</sup> April 1864

Minutes of Special Meeting held this evening  
in new room in St. John St.

Present Messrs McBarin (in the chair) Lyman  
Thomas, Sinton, Hector. Jacques Sierwright,

Mr Sinton reported profits of Vandenhoffs  
readings to be \$597<sup>76</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, subject, however to a  
possible claim of \$24 claimed by the Messrs  
Sodheimer for rent of Room

The Treasurer was ordered to pay Messrs  
Sodheimer amount of their acc. for rent \$455<sup>25</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
but first to ascertain about certain pictures  
belonging to the M.L.A., which were missing.

Moved by Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Jacques.  
That the Boston advertiser and Boston Traveller  
be discontinued & that the Boston Journal be  
taken instead, and that the Treasurer be  
instructed to pay acc of former Journal  
Carried —

Moved by Mr Sierwright, seconded by Mr  
Jacques that the Treasurer be instructed to  
place \$25 to credit of the Library Com. for  
the purchase of books required to <sup>complete</sup> ~~make up~~  
sets in the Library, and an additional \$25  
for the purchase of new books of late issue.  
Carried

Secretary instructed to place notice  
in Room, notifying members that owing  
to removal to new rooms, the usual Semi-  
annual meeting would not be held on  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday May, but that a Special meeting  
would be called at a later date.  
meeting then adjourned

Mr Sierwright  
Rec. Sec



Montreal 17<sup>th</sup> May 1854

This evening was held a special meeting of the Board.

Present Messrs W. H. McLeiman (in the chair) McLeiman, Sinton, Thomas, Jaques, Hector, Ritchie & Siemwright — Lyman,  
Minutes of Special meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> ult, read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Hector — That the Semi-Annual meeting be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in June & that the Vice President do prepare a formal report to be submitted to the meeting — carried.

A Report from the Library Com: was received on motion of Mr McLeiman seconded by Mr Thomas

The Library Com: have in accordance with instructions purchased a number of works of popular and standard authors that are necessary to complete sets, and they have also selected some new books. The whole are about to be uniformly bound, and it is proposed to add them to the Catalogue which is now nearly revised and ready for printing — It is hoped that it may soon be published & meantime that the Library may be reopened within a few days.  
(Signed) J. McLeiman  
Chairman

The Lecture Com: presented the following report, which upon motion of Mr Hector seconded by Mr McLeiman was received —



Report of the Lecture Committee M L Assn.  
To the  
President & Directors M L A

Gentlemen  
Your Committee have much pleasure  
in reporting the successful termination of their  
engagements with Mr Vandenhoff, who gave a  
course of three readings on the 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April,  
for which your Committee paid him \$250 & owing  
to the success attending these, your Committee reengaged  
him for three more evenings paying him half the  
gross proceeds of the house.

The second three Readings were accordingly  
given on the 16<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April & being almost as  
great a success as the first three, your Committee  
again reengaged Mr Vandenhoff on the same terms  
to give one more Reading on the 22<sup>nd</sup> which also resul-  
ted satisfactorily.

The accompanying statement will show  
that the sum of \$587.76 has been added to the  
funds of the Association as the result of these  
engagements. This result as compared with  
that of some of the previous engagements of  
the Lecture Committees, makes it apparent  
that only by engaging men of world wide  
reputation, will our lectures be successful,  
& your Committee would therefore recommend  
that in future no second class Lecturers should  
be engaged.

The whole of which

is respectfully submitted

Robt. Peck

Chas. Lee Bone

Montreal 2 May  
1864 }



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(Signed) M. L. A.  
Chairman

The Globe acf - \$8 and Wm. M. Connells acf. \$5: were referred to B. Room Com. and meeting then adjourned

W. M. Siuwright  
Rec. Sec. M. L. A.

The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association - meeting held on Monday evening, the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1864 in the Committee Room 1 John Street  
Present, W. P. M. Laren in the Chair

Messrs Thomas, Jagues, Hector, Stewart and Sinton  
The Secretary having sent notice that he would be unable to attend the meeting, J. Sinton was appointed to act on his behalf.

The Minutes of the Regular meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> April and of special meetings of 27<sup>th</sup> April and 17<sup>th</sup> May were read and confirmed.

The Chairman mentioned that he had addressed a note to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister of Finance (enclosed to Hon<sup>ble</sup> pro Rose M. L. A. for Montreal Centre) requesting that he would be pleased to direct that the statements of Receipts of produce at Montreal be furnished to the Association; W. Rose replied, that he would himself wait on the Finance Minister with the letter of the Chairman and trusts that the



application of the Association will be acceded to.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid,  
Toronto Globe \$6.00  
W<sup>m</sup> McConnell, Coal Oil & Lamps 5.00  
\$11.00

and the following were referred to R. R. Committee,  
New York Albion 2 years ending 31 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1864 \$8.00  
Scott's Am Journal N<sup>o</sup> 342 & 393 (inclusive) 2.50  
Silliman's Journal (discontinued) 2.50  
\$13.00

The Chairman then read the Semi Annual Report of the Board of Directors, to be presented at the General Meeting at 8 O'Clock; which after some discussion was received and adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

James C. Sinton  
Secretary pro tem.

The Semi Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association was held in their Rooms in Saint John Street on Monday Evening the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1864 at 8 O'Clock.

Present, W. P. McLaren Esq D.C. in the Chair.  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. Thomas, Stewart, Hector, Jaques, Judge Lyman, Kingan, Angus, Matchitt, Reed, J. A. Perkins, Geo. H. Drummond, J. F. Jaques and others, (21 present)  
at opening of proceedings.

Mr. Sinton was requested to act as Secretary.  
The Secretary read the minutes of the General Meeting of the Association held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1863 which were confirmed.

The Semi Annual Report of the Board of Directors for the 6 months elapsed, was then read, and after some enquiries as to the position of the Association - especially touching the project for erecting "a new Building for the Association" it was moved by Mr. Kingan, seconded by Mr. Matchitt



and Resolved that the Report just read be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jaques that a synopsis of the said Report be prepared and published in the City newspapers. — Carried. —  
And on motion of Mr. Matchitt seconded by Mr. Hector the meeting adjourned.  
J. Cinton  
Acting Secretary.

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1864 in the Committee Room Saint John Street.

Present: — Messrs McLennan, Thomas, Jaques & Cinton  
There being a quorum at 8.30 O'clock, adjourned  
J. Cinton  
Acting Secretary

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors called to meet at same place on Monday August 1864.

Present: — Messrs Steele, Hector, Jaques & Cinton.  
There being no quorum at 8.30 O'clock no business was transacted.

J. Cinton  
Acting Secretary.



The Regular Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association was held in the Committee Rooms, N. John Street, on Monday Evening the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1864 at 8 O'clock.

Present.- W. P. McLaren O.S. in the chair.

Messrs J. W. Ritchie, Theodore Lyman, Richard Thomas C. Judge, R. Hector, J. E. Jaques Jr, J. Stewart H. S. Shaw and J. Clinton who was requested to perform the duties of Recording Secretary.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Finance Committee presented a Report from which the following is extracted "Your Committee have to report subscriptions collected since 1<sup>st</sup> May \$218.50 and before that date \$914.25 making since 1<sup>st</sup> December last \$1132.75"

"There is still due as per annexed statement \$257.<sup>25</sup>" "The Superintendent has had great difficulty in collecting during the last two months and we fear that this sum will hardly be collected within the year. A great many accounts have accumulated against the Association, several of which will be laid before the Board this evening, and it will be readily seen that it is quite out of the power of your Committee to liquidate the same from the limited means at their command. Some extra effort must be made to raise about \$400 in order to report the Association quite clear of debt at the end of the year" The Committee hope to collect \$200 of the \$257.25 due - the remaining subscriptions being considered bad.

"The Treasurer also presented Statement of Receipts & Expenditure from date of the Semi-Annual Meeting - the balance remaining in his hands being \$35.84

On motion of Mr Stewart seconded by Mr Hector, the above Report & statement were received and ordered to be filed.



The following list of debt, due by the Association  
having been read by the Secretary - viz -

To John Date	\$ 1.18
Scale & Fees	52.50
Mont Herald printing <sup>3.09</sup> Subscription <sup>8.00</sup>	11.09
Water Rate	18.00
Hunt's Merchants Magazine	5.00
R. Patton Gasfitter	42.55
Browse & McFarlane	3.45
John Lovell, for Canada Directory	1.50
C. J. Deolin R.R. drawing up Lease	3.00
Montreal Gazette	1.50
Evening Telegraph subscription	5.00
Lawsch Bros. (for Magazines &c. to 31 Dec. 1864)	28.00
T. Riddell (for papers to 30 June 1864)	44.10
T. Riddell	\$ 290.37
Postage - (estimate for Aug & Novemb <sup>r</sup> )	8.00
Box wages for same period	24.00
Superintendent's salary <sup>little</sup> for same date	100
Charwoman	5.00
Gas Company estimated	30.00
Rent due the 1 <sup>st</sup> November	110.00
Fuel for October & November	12.00
Toronto Globe.	6.00
	<u>\$585.37</u>

the meeting proceeded to consider the financial condition of the Association, and it was "Resolved on motion of Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Judge that the Lecture Committee be authorised to enter into correspondence with such lecturers as they may deem best, in order to secure the services of more or more gentlemen to deliver Lectures before the end of the present financial year amongst other gentlemen the Board would suggest for the consideration of the Committee the names of Messrs Vandenhoff, J. B. Long, Curtis, O. N. Holmes & Wendell Phillips & Rev Messrs H. N. Beecher & Milburn.



And on motion, the first fourteen and the last accounts on preceding page - amounting in the aggregate to \$296.37 were referred to the Reading Room Committee to examine & report thereon.

A letter from Mr. J. A. McArthur accompanied by a claim for \$42.30 for damage to books in his store by water from the tap in the passage in rear of the Library was then taken into consideration, and Messrs H. J. Shaw & A. Thomas were empowered to settle the matter with Mr. McArthur.

There were no reports from the 'Library' 'Reading Room' 'Lecture' or 'Class' Committees.

The Chairman then read a letter from the President of the Association (Honble John Young) resigning his office - on which it was moved by Mr. Ritchie, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and -

Resolved, "That the Board have heard <sup>with</sup> regret of the cause assigned by the Honble Mr. Young, President of the Association for the letter of resignation now read, and while begging respectfully to be permitted to tender their sympathy to Mr. Young in the circumstances in which he is now placed, request that he will not press the acceptance of his resignation, but allow it to remain without any further action on the part of the Board."

A letter from A. M. Seivwright, Recording Secretary tendering the resignation of his office on the grounds of very ill health, having been read, it was moved by Mr. Stewart seconded by Mr. Hector and Resolved "That the resignation of Mr. Seivwright be accepted and that the Secretary be requested to convey to Mr. Seivwright, that the Board deeply regret that he has been compelled to relinquish his position at this Board through indisposition."

A letter from Mr. Burton, was read, resigning his office as Director - which resignation was accepted on motion of Mr. Hector, seconded by Mr. Lyman.



The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Director to fill the place of Mr. Burton; and Mr. Thomas Sellars was declared to be duly elected.

Mr. J. C. Sinton was then elected Recording Secy in the room of Mr. A. W. Seiwright resigned, and Mr. William Angus was chosen (by ballot) a Director in his stead.

Adjourned.

James C. Sinton  
Recording Secretary

The Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday evening 3<sup>d</sup> October 1884 at 8 pm  
Present, Theodore Lyman in the Chair

Met Mr. T. Sellars, R. Thomas, T. L. Steele, ~~A. W. Angus~~,  
John W. Lennan and J. C. Sinton

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed  
The Reading Room Committee reported

Mr. Thomas reported the account of Mr. Martin for damage for water, to be yet unsettled.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. John Copham O. F. Secy pro tem of the Montreal Chess Club, stating that they were unwilling to renew their Lease of the room now occupied by them; and proposing to offer the use of the Chess men and Tables to all the members of the M. L. Association - on the Annual payment of One Dollar, or such other sum as the Directors may direct, such sum to be paid to the M. L. A. in addition to the usual subscription to the News Room and Library - the present members of the Club to continue members of the Association, and to pay themselves, five dollars each per annum, for all the privileges of the Association, provided they are exempted from all future liability as to Rent.

The matter having been fully considered, the Board authorised Mr. Thomas, Chairman of the Reading Room



Committee to conclude an agreement with the Chess Club on the terms named.

The Lecture Committee reported that they had not been able to secure the services of a lecturer as yet - and Mr. Lyman having submitted programmes of different courses of lectures by Rev. John Lord D.D.D. it was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Angus that the Lecture Committee be authorised to offer the Rev. Dr. Lord \$100 One hundred Dollars in gold for a course of six lectures (to be selected by the Committee) and delivered sometime during the month of October or November - and to be delivered on alternate nights, the motion was carried - Mr. Sinton dissenting.

On motion of Mr. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Angus it was resolved that the Lecture Committee be asked to apply to Dr. Charles Mackay to ascertain if he can be engaged to deliver one or more lectures, and if the terms are practicable to make an engagement.

And, Mr. Thomas having handed to the Chairman an advertisement of a new series of Readings by Mr. Dandenhoff, the Committee were authorised to ascertain the terms on which he would give three Readings, and when he could give them.

Mr. Jaques on behalf of the Finance Committee sent in the following Report: (Benj. unable to be present)

"Your Committee regret to report that the Collections for the past month have not been enough to meet the salary of the Superintendent. The amount collected is only \$48.66 - from which has to be deducted \$8.61 due to the Superintendent from last month. Several parties are pressing their claims for payment and your Treasurer much regrets the necessity of refusing from want of funds."

On motion, the Report was read & ordered on file.

The Reading Room Committee were instructed to grant the free use of the Committee Room to the Members of the Mercantile Literary Society on



Friday evening of each week - the Society to pay the cost of the gas consumed.

Mr. H. L. McLaren's resignation of the office of Vice President of this Association - having been read - it was moved by Mr. McLennan, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously resolved, - 'that while accepting the resignation of Mr. McLaren as Vice President, the Board have to express regret that circumstances deprive it of Mr. McLaren's assistance, and the Members desire to express their sense of the valuable services rendered by him, and to tender their best wishes for his future.'

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a Vice President in the room of Mr. McLaren; when J. W. Ritchie Esq was declared elected.

And the meeting adjourned.

James C. Smiton

Rec Secretary.

The Regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Monday evening 7<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1874.

Present: Jno McLennan Esq in the Chair,  
G. E. James Esq, S. Lyman, R. J. Hector, T. Sellar, R. Thomas  
and James Stewart

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.  
Read, a letter from J. W. Ritchie Esq accepting the office of Vice President.

Mr. Thomas stated that in accordance with Resolution of last meeting he wrote to the Vice President of the Chess Club informing him that the Board accepted his offer, a copy of his letter was presented together with Mr. Thomas' reply thereto, the Board confirmed the Agreement on motion of Mr. Lyman seconded by Mr. Judge, Mr. Stewart dissenting.

Mr. Thomas reported that he had written twice to Mr. Brennan about the necessity of pro-



viding a sink in the passage, and that another claim has been made for damage by water, by Mr. McArthur. Copies of these letters & of the claims were laid before the Board. A sink has since been put in. Mr. Thomas was requested to ask the advice of Mr. Ritchie and to bring the matter to an issue.

On motion of Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Hector Messrs Sinton and Jaques were appointed to prepare the Annual Report.

A letter from L'Institut Canadien having been read, asking what facilities we could afford them in the way of room during their temporary removal from their own premises consequent on the widening of Notre Dame Street, it was, on motion of Mr. Sellar seconded by Mr. Lyman, resolved that Mr. Thomas do call on the officers of L'Institut with a view to show them what accommodation we can give them.

The accounts of Messrs Middleton & Co and T. Riddell were passed and ordered to be paid so soon as the Treasurer is in funds.

Mr. Brennan's acct for rent was laid over.

Adjourned

*James C. Sinton*  
Acting Secretary.

At a Special meeting of the Board of Directors called to consider the Report to be laid before the Annual Genl Meeting on 28 Nov. 1864 held Saturday 24 Nov. 1864.  
were present: Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young in the Chair.

Messrs Messrs McEwen, T. L. Steele, A. J. Hector, W. Angus & Sinton.

The Report having been read by the Chairman, was, after a few trifling alterations, adopted, and ordered to be submitted at the Annual General Meeting of the Association on Monday Evening next the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Adjourned

James C. Sinton, Recy. Secretary.



Minutes of the Twenty fourth Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal, held in their Rooms in St John Street on Monday evening 28 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1854 at 8 o'clock.

Present; The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young in the Chair, J. C. Sinton Recording Secretary. Mess<sup>rs</sup> A. G. Hector, S. Caldecott, T. L. Steete, W. Angus, L. C. Jacques J. Treasurer, A. McElibow Reed, Matchitt, Barr, Clarke and others 21 members present when the Chairman opened the meeting at 8.15.

The Minutes of the Semi-annual meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1854 were read & approved.

The President then read the twenty fourth Annual Report of the Board of Directors, and entered fully the prospects of the Association, more particularly with regard to the contemplated new Building, after a few enquiries from the meeting as to the financial condition of the Association, the Report was, on motion of the Chairman, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Harne - unanimously received and adopted.

M<sup>r</sup> A. McElibow moved, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> William Angus "That the Thanks of the Association are due and are hereby tendered to the gentlemen composing the committee named at last Annual Meeting, for their great and successful exertions in procuring subscriptions for the new building."

which was put to the vote & carried amidst applause. It was moved by M<sup>r</sup> Angus, seconded by M<sup>r</sup> L. C. Jacques J. and resolved "that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Honorable Jno Rose for his generously remitting the amount of interest due to him on the amount loaned to the Association in 1857.

M<sup>r</sup> A. McElibow enquired whether a larger sum



than that already subscribed for the purpose, will be required to complete the new building; The Chairman replied, that he could not positively state what amount exactly would be needed, as no estimates had yet been received, but, the instructions given to Mr. Hopkins the Architect were, that the cost of the building alone shall not exceed Sixteen Thousand Dollars.

Mr. S. Caldecott moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, that "300 Copies of the Report be struck off for distribution among the Members of the Association."

And it was moved in amendment by Mr. Angus seconded by Mr. Croyle "that 1000 One thousand Copies be printed, and that after each member of the Association had been provided with a copy - the remainder be distributed in such manner as the Board of Directors shall deem most judicious." and the amendment was carried.

On motion of Mr. Angus the meeting adjourned.

James C. Sinton  
Recording Secretary

The Annual Report and the Treasurer's Statement we be found below, together with a statement of the debts of the Association.

#### MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Last evening the annual general meeting of this association was held in the rooms of the association, St. John Street. There was a fair attendance of members, which doubtless would have been more numerous but for the unfavorable weather.

The Hon. JOHN YOUNG having taken the chair, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

The Chairman then read the 24th annual report, prepared by the Directors, and submitted it to the action of the meeting, the most noticeable feature in it being the announcement that \$20,000 had been subscribed for the new building about to be erected by the Association, which it was anticipated would be completed before the conclusion of another year. As the report will be published in a day or two, we abstain from further particulars.

The Chairman having asked if there were any questions, and none being put, proceeded to read the financial statement, of which the following is a summary:—

Estimated expenditure for next year 1865 .....	\$1,642.27
Revenue from Members.....	\$1,283.00
All other sources, exclusive of Lectures.....	82.10
	<hr/> \$1,365.10
Deficiency.....	\$277.27
TREASURER'S STATEMENT.	
On hand, 1864.....	\$60.34
Receipts from all sources, subscriptions, lectures, etc .....	2,369.02
	<hr/> \$2,429.36
Expenditure, including old debt paid off .....	2,376.21
	<hr/> \$53.15
Leaving balance in Treasurer's hands...	\$53.15

The CHAIRMAN then observed there was no way of getting out of debt, but in the acquisition of new members, and he thought in a very short

time, they would be able to point out to the clerks of Montreal, a suitable building for the Association. The proposed lot ran from Bonaventure Street, back to St. Joseph Street, and that lot had been now secured, the rent of a building on St. Joseph about paying the interest on the purchase money. The widening of Bonaventure Street by the Corporation, would make the property much more valuable, and it was proposed to erect a building fronting on the proposed continuation of Great St. James Street. He believed they would be able to show an elevation of the building at the next meeting, and that it should include library class rooms and offer such attractions as few mercantile men would fail to appreciate. The lower part of the building was to be composed of two shops, and the upper rooms leased out, so that from these sources there would be an independent revenue for new books, lectures, &c. This was the manner in which other other associations elsewhere had been managed, and it would doubtless be done in Montreal. He believed when they got this new building they would be able to take an independent position having ample accommodation for a library reading and other room facilities. They had scarcely yet begun to collect the subscriptions for this object and a meeting would shortly be called to decide on this subject. Those that subscribed cash would be expected to pay in cash, and others who had agreed to pay in two or three years would be expected to give their notes. The chairman then stated that notwithstanding the dullness of business and private misfortunes, the way in which the merchants had responded in this matter was exceedingly prompt and praiseworthy, and others would doubtless follow their example. Nevertheless, success principally depended on the efforts made by the members of the association. Great credit was due to the exertions already made by such men as Mr. McLaren, Mr. Redpath, Mr. Rimmer, and others. It was a matter they all had part in; and unless they raised every dollar they would be apt to retard the object in view. The

clerks were to become the future merchants, but it depended upon their breadth of view whether they would be able to fill their places worthily in the future Confederation of British North America, (as he hoped it would be,) or hold their own with the people on the other side of the line 45°. It depended on them whether they carried forward this thing or not, by establishing such an institute as the one referred to for themselves and for the future.

The CHAIRMAN then moved, seconded by Mr. Reed, that 300 copies of the report be printed.

In reply to a question from Mr. McGibbon it was his impression if they got the building free of debt, and with an independent revenue, they would be in a much better position, and instead of looking to lecturers as a source of mere profit, as had hitherto been the case, they would be selected more with a view to instruction.

It was then moved by Mr. CALDECOTT, seconded by Mr. REED, that 300 copies of the report be printed.

An amendment was then made by Mr. ANGUS, seconded by Mr. CROYLE, that 1000 copies of the report be printed, the balance not required by the members being judiciously distributed.

The amendment being put to the meeting was finally carried, the Chairman expressing his approval.

In conclusion, the CHAIRMAN hoped that at the next meeting, to take place on the 31st Dec. for the election of officers, a larger number would be present, and that they would stand shoulder to shoulder, in the interests of the association.

The meeting then adjourned. The CHAIRMAN expressed his thanks; but that he knew it was a labour of love to all, and he was satisfied those gentlemen would go through any amount of work to accomplish the object. The only thing wanted was the support of the young men, whose best reflection twenty years hence would be that they had assisted such an object.

The resolution was then carried. Mr. ANGUS next proposed a vote of thanks to the Hon. J. Rose for his generous conduct in remitting the interest on the debt due to him by the association, being an amount of \$73. The resolution being seconded by Mr. Jacques, was carried unanimously.



# TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

### MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL.

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, it becomes the duty of your Board of Directors before resigning the trust committed to them, to lay before you a statement of the affairs of the Association, and to offer such suggestions as their experience leads them to hope may be of value to their successors. While your Board have reason to regret their inability to free the Association from debt, during their term of office, they have much satisfaction in being able to show that its income from all sources during the past year has been in excess of its ordinary expenditure; but as a very large proportion of this income has been derived from lectures—at best, a precarious item of revenue,—your Board would strongly urge on their successors the absolute necessity of canvassing the City with a view to increase the number of members which has now fallen to a point too low to sustain the Association on its present basis, and it appears to be quite impossible to curtail the expenses without at the same time incurring great risk of losing many valuable members. The chief attraction has for years past been the Reading Room; the Library having been much neglected, is now sadly in want of replenishing. The amount placed at the disposal of the Library Committee during the past year was necessarily small, only \$55.70 having been expended under this head.

BOARD.—The Board, as elected at the last annual meeting, was composed of the following gentlemen:

President, - - - Hon. John Young.  
Vice President, - - S. Caldecott.  
Corresponding Secretary, Edgar Judge.  
Recording Secretary, A. M. Seivewright.  
Treasurer, - - - W. P. McLaren.

#### DIRECTORS

Theodore Lyman, H. J. Shaw,  
James Stewart, A. A. Murphy,  
G. E. Jaques, Jr., T. W. Ritchie,  
R. Thomas, R. G. Hector,  
T. L. Steele, P. H. Burton.

Mr. Caldecott having declined to accept office, Mr. W. P. McLaren was chosen V.P. in his stead, and Mr. G. E. Jaques Jr., appointed Treasurer; and through other resignations and changes of office, the Board now stands:

President, - - - Hon. John Young.  
Vice President, - - T. W. Ritchie, Esq.  
Corresponding Secretary, Edgar Judge.  
Recording Secretary, J. C. Sinton.

Treasurer, - - - G. E. Jaques, Jr.  
DIRECTORS.

Theodore Lyman, John McLennan,  
James Stewart, R. G. Hector,  
Richard Thomas, Thomas Sellar,  
T. L. Steele, William Angus,  
H. J. Shaw, One seat vacant.

Honorary Directors elected by the Board: Hon. L. H. Holton, Thomas Cramp, Frederick Kay and Henry Thomas, Esquires.

READING ROOM.—Some changes have been made during the year in the list of Newspapers received at the rooms; the following are now regularly placed on file.

Canadian.—Montreal Gazette, Herald, Telegraph, Transcript, Daily Witness, True Witness, Echo, Journal of Education, St. Johns News, Three Rivers Enquirer, (Weekly), Quebec Chronicle, Canada Gazette, Sherbrooke Gazette, Eastern Township Gazette, Huntingdon Journal, Kingston Chronicle, Toronto Globe and Leader, Hamilton Spectator, St. Catharines Constitution, Mount Forest Examiner, London Daily Prototype, Halifax Nova-Scotian.

United States.—New York Herald, Tribune, Shipping and Commercial List, Independent, Albion, Scottish American Journal, Christian Enquirer, Scientific American, Frank Leslie's Illustrated, Boston Traveller, Chicago Tribune, Portland Daily Press.

British.—Times Bell's Life, Illustrated London News, Illustrated Times, Punch, Athenaeum, British Ensign, Army and Navy Gazette, Liverpool Mercury, European Times, Manchester Guardian, Edinburgh Scotsman, North British Advertiser, Glasgow Herald, Dublin Freeman's Journal.

MAGAZINES.—British.—Art Journal, Blackwood's Magazine, London Quarterly Review, North British Review, Westminster Review, Edinburgh Review, All the Year Round, Once a Week, Chamber's Journal.

American.—Atlantic Monthly, Hunt's Merchant's Magazine, and Harper's New Monthly Magazine.

The total amount paid for Newspapers and Magazines is \$311.25, exclusive of \$22.48 postage. The thanks of the Association are due to the respective publishers for sending gratis the papers the names of which are printed in Italics; to Hon. L. H. Holton for the Christian Enquirer; to William Nisby, Esq., for the British Ensign; to Messrs. John Dougall & Son for the Portland Press, and to the proprietor of the Herald for the London Daily Prototype. Your Board have been frequently requested by many old and esteemed members of the Association to provide another Dublin newspaper, but they have not felt justified in the present state of the finances

in authorising any further outlay in connection with this department.

LIBRARY.—As already stated the sum of \$55.70 has been expended during the year by the Library Committee, 68 new volumes having been placed on the shelves. The issues for the year to 170 Readers were 1990 volumes, an increase of 160 volumes over the previous year.—The average number of Books drawn by each reader was 12 volumes, against 10 volumes in 1863, and if we strike out those members who joined late in the year, and the few occasional readers, the average will be 17 volumes. We may add that the Library was closed during a period of nearly 2 months, consequent on our removal to our present Rooms, and the classification of the Books, necessary to the formation of a new Catalogue. Your Librarian reports that the demand for the books added during the year has been very great, and the little interest already awakened in the Library should be kept up by the addition, from time to time, of a few of the most interesting works issued from the Press. The new Catalogue will be supplied to members at a trifling cost, and will be found very complete, reflecting great credit on the Compiler, Mr. Featherston.

LECTURES.—During the year the Rev. Mr. Fletcher delivered two lectures on Brazil, under the auspices of the Association, and although these lectures were of a very interesting nature and fully equalled the expectation of your Board, they regret to state that the attendance was not at all such as they had right to expect. These lectures were followed by a course of Readings by Mr. George Vandenhoff, in April last, which were even more than successful, and during the early part of the present month the same gentleman delivered a course of four Readings, which, notwithstanding the many other sources of amusement then before the public, were tolerably well attended. Your Board would earnestly recommend to their successors the exercise of great caution in the engagement of lecturers, as our ventures in this field have, with very few exceptions, resulted in loss, and with no funds in hand to meet a deficit, your Treasurer has on more than one occasion had to advance large sums to defray the expenses.

FINANCES.—Your Board have much satisfaction in reporting that they have been enabled to pay Messrs. Nordheimer the amount due for rent (with interest to 30th April last), viz., \$752.56,

in full; and also the loan made by the Hon. John Rose in 1857, amounting to \$160, that gentleman having generously remitted the accrued interest amounting to \$73.26. A reference to the Treasurer's statement hereto annexed will show that of the subscriptions unpaid at last annual meeting, and estimated to produce \$250, only \$98.50 has been realised. The sum realised from from annual subscriptions for the current year has been \$1170.23, estimated by our predecessors at \$1350; but the Finance Committee believe that about \$100 will yet be collected. Your Board are gratified to notice that the amount of outstanding subscriptions is much less than it has been in years past, which is mainly owing to the close attention paid by your superintendent to this important branch of his duties. The number of members now on the list, though not so large as on the previous year, (the number being 327 against 397) are considered with scarcely an exception to be bona fide members, who have in fact paid their subscriptions during the past year. Many old names, which have long cumbered the roll, but paid nothing into the treasury, have been erased.

After your Board entered upon office, a number of claims, amounting in the aggregate to \$150, were presented and paid, which did not appear in the last Annual Statement, it is, however, confidently hoped that the present financial statement is, as nearly as possible, accurate.

The present debt of the Association, as detailed by your Treasurer, is \$509.85 (from which must be deducted the arrears of subscription due—\$100—making the net debt \$409.85, exclusive of a small claim by Mr. McArthur for damage by water to his stock in the shop beneath) a considerable portion of which is for cost of fitting up our new Rooms, and though in every instance recently contracted, many of the claims are of a very pressing nature, and we trust some means may be devised to assist the new Board in liquidating them. The estimates for income and expenditure for 1865 are herewith submitted, and your particular attention thereto is respectfully invited.

Estimate of Revenue and Expenditure, exclusive of Lectures, for the year ending Nov. 20, 1865:—

Rent and Taxes.....	\$489 00
Salaries.....	496 00
Commission collecting subscriptions.....	60 00
Newspapers and Magazines.....	311 25
Postages.....	30 00
Gas.....	140 00
Fuel.....	40 00
Fire Insurance.....	23 12
Advertising and printing.....	24 00
Contingencies.....	51 00
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	\$1,642 37

RAVENNA.	
117 Merchant Members, \$5..	\$585 00
139 Senior Clerks, \$4..	\$556 00
71 Junior Clerks, \$3..	\$142 00

	\$1,283 00
From Chess Club.....	30 00
Sale of Newspapers.....	52 10=
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Estimated deficiency.....\$277 27

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The number of members on the roll at the date of the last annual report was..... 474  
We have lost through death, resignations, and emigration of names of persons leaving the city, &c.,..... 142  
And of new members we have obtained..... 72  
Showing a decrease of..... 70

Leaving the number now on the books..... 404

Comprising—Honorary members.....	27
Life members.....	56
Merchants.....	117
Senior clerks.....	139
Junior clerks.....	71

Total..... 404

The number of paying members being reduced to 327.

Your Board would draw attention to the limited number of clerks, who belong to your association, more especially of junior clerks, and cannot leave this subject without venturing to remark that business men would not fail to profit by inducing their clerks to join you. The Reading Room is second to none in the city, and he shelves of the Library—though not containing so many new works as we could wish—are well filled with standard works, adapted to young men.

#### CLASSES.

The Mercantile Literary Society has entered upon its third year—and your Board have granted it the use of the Hall above the Library—the great majority of its members being also members of this association. The subscriptions to the latter class of members is only \$1.00 per annum, an amount so moderate, that no young man desirous of improving himself by discussing

be had after business hours, especially in our Winter season, will, if judiciously employed, be found sufficient with the aid of a good library, to supply entirely, or in great measure, the deficiencies of early education, before the time comes for them to assume the responsible stations of principals in Mercantile Houses. Nor would the benefit of these advantages be small, even to those who had previously received, what is styled a liberal education. To such, the study of foreign languages, or some of the higher branches not usually pursued in literary institutions, might offer inducements to form classes of great advantage to themselves, and credit to the Association. Classes in French, Spanish, German, Commercial Law, Drawing, Book Keeping, Chemistry, &c., might all be carried on, but to accomplish this, a building is necessary, and therefore, an effort should be made, by an appeal to all classes, for the funds necessary to erect a building, suitable for a large Library, rooms for Classes, and a Lecture room for the use of members. Such an Institution will be a source of pride to the commercial community, who raise it up, aiming as it will to promote the intellectual and moral character of the Mercantile profession.

It is believed that to arrive at this desired result, the building should be free from rent or incumbrance, and not only so, but that if possible shops not necessary for the Association, might be rented, and thus bring in a revenue to be expended in the purchase of books.

Subscriptions shall be collected and expended under the control of the Subscribers, through such persons as they shall appoint.

All matters relating to the acquiring of property, and the erection of the building, shall be under the direction and control of the Subscribers or of such persons as they may appoint to act for them, it being provided that in the nomination of all Committees, at least one third of their number shall consist of members of the Board of Directors of the Association. Individual contributors of one hundred dollars and over, or Firms giving one hundred dollars for each partner, shall be constituted Life Members of the Association:

All matters to be acted upon by the Subscribers, shall be voted as follows, viz:

Subscribers of \$25.00, and not over \$50.00 one vote.

Over \$50.00, and not over \$100.00, two votes.

Over \$100.00, and not over \$200.00, three votes, and every additional \$100.00, one vote.

No one shall have a right to vote who may not have paid the instalments called for.

Should the liberality of Subscribers exceed the requirements for building purposes, the balance will be expended in books.

Your obedient servants,

J. H. WINN,  
CHAS. E. SKYMOUR  
THOMAS RIMMER,  
JOHN YOUNG,  
JOHN MCLENNAN,  
W. P. MCLAREN.

Members of Committee.

and promptly followed it by a thorough canvass of the city, continued during all the last winter.

Something over \$20,000 have been subscribed a site has been secured, and plans for building, are now under consideration of the Committee who only wait more active progress until they are warranted by the possession of funds actually paid into the hands of their Treasurer. This office has been kindly accepted by Peter Redpath, Esq., and the final success of the undertaking, and the placing of the Association upon firm standing ground, depends mainly now upon the honest effort of each member and friend of the Association in promptly paying up subscriptions and in urging those who have not yet done so to contribute.

So much having been accomplished, the Board is united and earnest in the hope and belief that the last effort may be cheerfully added.

Your Board, in concluding, would respectfully and earnestly ask your hearty co-operation with their successors in carrying on the business of the Association during the next twelve months. And we doubt not that when the Association is in possession of a building worthy of the objects originally contemplated it will be deemed a privilege to have a share in the management. At the end of the year, we shall, we trust, be able to point to a building adapted to our wants, and to the promotion of the moral and intellectual welfare of the young business men of this City.

The whole respectfully submitted,  
JOHN YOUNG, President.  
To the Members of the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal.  
Montreal, Nov. 28, 1864.

There are many who have entered the Counting Room, and been otherwise engaged in business without the advantage of a previous complete or systematic education. The leisure which can



# Treasurer's Statement

## The Mercantile Library Association

In Accord with J. E. Jacques Esq. Treasr.

To paid A. S. Nordheimer old debt	477.50	
Rent to 1 <sup>st</sup> May - half year	275.00	752.50
To James Brennan; quarters rent due 11 Augt		110.00
To Mr. Hiddell paid last year's ap <sup>150.85</sup> ap <sup>1864</sup> 43.87		194.72
To Hon <sup>ble</sup> Jno Rose, in full for loan in 1857		233.26
To Dawson Bro <sup>s</sup> . for 1863 <sup>127.00</sup> half of 1864 <sup>27.00</sup>		54.00
To vote in favor of Library Committee		55.70
To Sundry newspapers 1863 <sup>126.64</sup> 1864 <sup>24.75</sup>		141.39
To Gas Account 120.14 Fuel 18.30		138.44
To Water tax for 1863 22.00 for 1864 18.00		40.00
To Superintendent Salary \$400 Boys' wages 90.00		496.00
To Commissions collecting subscriptions		42.50
To Discot on silver coin <sup>111.67</sup> Postages 25.19		37.36
To Fire Insurance <sup>23.12</sup> Advertising & printing <sup>21.91</sup>		45.03
To Stationery <sup>2.85</sup> Incidental expenses <sup>38.28</sup>		41.13
— C <sup>2</sup> —		\$2376.21

By Balance received from late Treasr.	60.34	
By Subscriptions for 1863 collected	98.50	
Ditto for 1864 collected	1170.23	1268.73
By Subscriptions taken up at the last Annual Meeting 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup> 1863		300.00
By Interest remitted by Hon Jno Rose		73.26
By Cash for newspapers sold		52.09
By Cash for Rent from Chess Club		49.00
By Profits from Reading & Lectures		598.02
By fines on books returned over 14 days		2.38
By Discot on A.S. funds bought to pay for Paper	25.54	2429.36
Balance on hand		\$53.15

E. E.

Montreal 28 November 1864.

J. E. Jacques  
Treasurer



Statement of amounts due by the Mercantile Library Association on November 30<sup>th</sup> 1864.

James Brennan 4 months rent		146 67
Thomas Riddell 8 months subsc <sup>n</sup> to papers		117 60
Dawson Brothers 5 months subsc <sup>n</sup> to periodicals		23 33
Seale & Lees, Carpenters & Joiners		52 50
R. Patton		42 55
John Tate		1 18
Rogers & King		. 50
Montreal Herald, subscription	8.00	
printing	<u>3.09</u>	11 09
Toronto Globe		6 00
J. G. Beard Co. for a Coal stove		19 95
Evening Telegraph; for subscription		5 00
Montreal Gazette; for printing		1 50
A. J. Devlin; drawing up lease		3 00
John Lovell; for Montreal Directory		1 50
Browse & W. Farlane		3 45
Hunt's Merchant's Magazine 1/2 year subsc <sup>n</sup>		2 50
W. Middleton & Co for Coal		9 46
Hamilton Spectator 7 months subsc <sup>n</sup>		1 80
Sundries		66 27

\$ 509 85

R.B. W. Arthur has rendered two claims for damages (caused by water from our pipe) amounting to about \$60; these claims have not yet been adjusted, but if admitted will have to be added to above.

The sum of \$ is also due to the firm of Penny, Wilson & Co for printing Catalogues; this item is not entered above, as the Catalogues are on hand & the sale of them should produce a sum sufficient to pay for the cost thereof.

*Wm. G. Mearns*  
Treasurer



Minutes of proceedings at General Meeting of the  
Mercantile Library Association held in the Rooms  
of the Association, Saint John Street, on Monday  
Evening 5<sup>th</sup> Decemr. 1864. at Eight O'Clock

Present— Hon John Young President in the Chair  
Messrs John McLennan, T. Lyman, J. E. Jaques Jr,  
R. F. Hector, James Ball, John Rolan, W. Hannan  
Harre, Forman, Geo Cooper, J. F. Jaques,  
C. Farley, John Macfarlane, James Jack, W. Angus  
Thomas Sellar, T. L. Steele, E. Judge, S. Caldecott,  
James Stewart, A. A. Murphy, Charles Isley,  
Matthew Norman Robertson, Eastwood, Reed, J. A.  
Clark and J. C. Sinton; and others,

The Chairman having stated the object of  
the meeting to be the Election of officers for the  
ensuing year— The Secretary read the minutes of  
the Annual meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November last  
which were approved.

The Chair requested Messrs Theodore Lyman,  
and J. E. Jaques Jr to act as Scrutineers, who complied.

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for Officers  
to serve for the ensuing year, when the Scrutineers  
declared the following gentlemen duly elected, viz

President — Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young.

Vice President. — Alexander Mc Gillison

Corresponding Secretary — Thomas Sellar.

Recording Secretary — James Cinton.

Treasurer — J. E. Jaques Jr.

— Directors —

John McLennan

William Angus

Richard Thomas

Lonadale Green

James Stewart

Frederick A. May.

J. H. Botterell.

R. F. Hector

James Hardman.

A. A. Murphy.

There being no further business to be considered the  
Meeting adjourned.

James Cinton  
Rec Secretary.



At a meeting of the Old & New Board of Directors, held on Monday afternoon 12<sup>th</sup> December 1864 at 4 O'clock were present, Hon John Young in the Chair.

A. McGibbon, T. Sellars, J. Hardman, J. C. Jaques Junior, A. A. Murphy, W. G. Hector, Lonsdale Greene, James Stewart, John W. Lennan, and J. C. Sinton.

The members of the Old Board present, being also members of the new Board - the Minutes of Meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 1864 were read & approved.

The Chairman submitted the following list of Committees which were agreed to, viz

Library	Reading Room
John W. Lennan, Chairman,	Richard Thomas, Chairman.
A. A. Murphy,	James Hardman.
William Angus.	Lonsdale Greene.

Finance  
Honble John Young, Chairman,  
John W. Lennan, J. C. Jaques Jr and J. H. Botterell.

Lectures	Reading Class
Thomas Sellars Chairman	A. McGibbon, Chairman
James Stewart	Frederick A. May.
W. G. Hector	James C. Sinton.

And the following gentlemen were appointed by election;

Honorary Directors  
Honble L. H. Bolton Thomas Cramp Esquire.  
Henry Thomas Esq Charles Alexander Esquire.

The Lecture committee submitted a letter from Rev. Dr. Lord, in reply to an offer of \$100 in gold for a course of 5 Lectures - he states that he could not come to Montreal for a less sum than \$100 gold and his expenses, after due consideration, it was determined that in the present state of our finances it would not be judicious to make the engagement, which the committee are instructed not to do.



A letter was read by The Chairman, from L. W. Taverner Esq. who desires to effect an engagement for a course of readings under the auspices of the Association, the Lecture Committee were instructed to call upon that gentleman, and were authorised to engage him if they deem it advisable so to do.

The Reading Room Committee were instructed to sell the files of newspapers to be received in 1865 on Tuesday evening 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Treasurer stated that the Policy of Insurance covering Books in the Library, furniture &c. had expired and as a new policy would be requisite, owing to our removal to Saint John Street, he recommends that the Insurance shall in future be made to cover

Journals of the House of Commons	\$400.00
Books, Pamphlets, Magazines &c.	1800.00
Globes, Gas fixtures, Chess-tables &c.	300.00
	<u>\$2500.00</u>

The Board authorised the Treasurer to take out a Policy in the sum of \$2500. as above described.

And the meeting adjourned.

James C. Sinton. Rec. Sec.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Directors of Mercantile Library Association held in the Board Room, Saint John Street; 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1865.  
Present: John W. Lennan Esq in the Chair.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sellars, Angus, R. Thomas, Lonsdale & Hardman, Jacques, and Sinton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Treasurer's Statement was submitted, the balance from last year was \$53.15  
Received for subscriptions of Members 217.00  
Received for newspapers 24.75 \$294.90

Paid Rent and other accounts 237.53  
Balance in hand of Treasurer \$ 57.37



The Finance Committee recommended that the Board sanction the arrangement entered into last year with the Superintendent, allowing him 5 percent Commission for collecting the subscriptions, after some discussion, the Reading Room Committee were authorized to offer Mr. Featherston 5% Commission on the amount of subscriptions, collected during the financial year and a further commission of 5% on the subscriptions collected from all new members who may be induced to join through his personal exertions; the Committee are enjoined to take due care that the Superintendent does not, on this account, absent himself from his duties in the Rooms for too great a length of time each day; the time to be allowed for collections & canvassing for new members being left to the discretion of the R. R. Committee.

A letter was read from the Reverend Dr. Lord, offering to deliver a course of Lectures on the terms offered by the Board, viz \$100 in gold, he defraying his own expenses. On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Sinton, the Lecture Committee were instructed to accept the offer & close with the Rev<sup>d</sup> gentleman.

The <sup>R.R.</sup> Lecture Committee, stated that the newspapers had been sold as ordered by the Board.

Messrs R. W. Matchitt and John Barry were named Auditors for the current year.

James C. Sinton  
Recy Secretary.

John Young  
Pres

Meeting of the Board of Directors held on Saturday the 14th Jan'y 1865 to consider the Plans of the new Buildings.  
Present Mr. Tho. Sellers in the Chair.

Messrs R. Thomas, L. Greene, J. C. Jacques Jr, Sinton, Hardman.  
Mr. Thomas exhibited the Plans & they were fully examined when the Meeting fully approved of them. Adjourned.  
J. C. Sinton, Secy. John Young  
Pres



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Directors  
held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1865 at 4 p.m.

Present. Honble John Young in the Chair.  
Messrs R. Thomas, R. Hector, T. Sellars, W<sup>m</sup> Angus  
J. C. Jacques Jr, A. A. Murphy, and J. Sinton.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.  
The finance Committee presented the Report  
following:-

To the Board of Directors

"Your Committee beg to lay before the Board  
the Treasurer's statement for the month of January  
showing the receipts of the month \$178.39 making  
since the 1<sup>st</sup> December \$420<sup>05</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. During the same time  
last year, we collected \$586.89 shewing a deficiency  
this year of \$166.84."

"Different reasons may be assigned for this unfor-  
tunate result; and the subject demands the serious  
attention of the Board."

"The Superintendent reports that he has had  
the greatest difficulty in collecting even the small  
amount returned, and in a number of cases has  
had to beg Members to withdraw their resignations  
which have been tendered to him, promising  
to call again for their subscriptions in the course  
of a month or two. Many members urge inability to  
pay on account of the present depressed state of  
trade and scarcity of money."

"Your Committee also suggest that the Reading  
Room Committee be requested to reconsider their  
instructions to the Superintendent limiting him  
to 2 hours in the evening for collecting. The arrange-  
ment made by our late Vice President, W. W. Larn  
viz giving him from 10 to 12 A.M. and from 3 to 4 p.m.  
was found to work well and might be renewed with  
advantage to the Association"



"Since the first of December 13 Members have resigned  
and 17 new members have been acquired, the net gain  
to the Association is (\$9.00) nine dollars."

The whole respectfully submitted.

Signed G. E. Jacques Treasurer  
for Chairman.

The following is the Cash statement for January  
1865 referred to in the foregoing Report.

To Balance from December	\$57.37	
To Subscriptions collected	158.00	
Do for 1864	7.00	165.00
To Cash for newspapers	13.30	\$235.67
By postage on 500 Copies of Report	5.00	
1/2 Ton of Coal	4.25	
" Sundries	14.00	
" Superintendent 1 Month's Salary	33.33	
" Ditto Commission	19.10	
" 9 Vols Strickland's 'Queens of England'	2.28	
" refunded H. J. Shaw for papers not deliv'd	.65	
" Seal & Sets account	50.00	
" Houser & McFarlane	3.45	
" H. J. Beard & Co	19.95	
" O. J. Dublin R.L. drawing Lease	3.00	
" postage apc for December	.64	
" Insurance premium	12.50	
" Balance Cash on hand	67.52	235.67

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Montreal Feby 3<sup>d</sup> 1865.

G. E. Jacques Jr. Treasurer.

On motion, the Report was received and ordered  
on file - the Secretary instructed to communicate  
same to the Reading Room Committee, with a  
request that they consider the clause relating to  
the collections by the Superintendent.



The Lecture Committee reported that the Rev. Dr. Lord had stated his intention to reach the City about the 14<sup>th</sup> March next, and submitted a syllabus of the course he desired to give under his engagement with the Association - the matter was left in the hands of the Committee.

Some conversation then ensued, regarding the proposed new building, Mr. Thomas stated that question of 'plans' had been reopened at the instance of a member of the Building Committee.

And the meeting adjourned

James Cantor  
Recording Secretary.

John Young  
Mest

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors convened at the request of the Lecture Committee were present on January 14<sup>th</sup> 1865 at 4 PM.

Mr. William Angus in the Chair.

Messrs. J. Sellars, J. Stewart, A.A. Murphy, Rich Thomas and the Secretary.

The Lecture Committee submitted a Report of an offer by Mr. George Vandenhoff - to give three Readings for \$250 and a fourth for a sum equivalent to one half the gross receipts of the eng. to commence on Monday 15 March next.

They continue "owing to the engagement of the Rev. Dr. Lord to deliver 5 Lectures - commencing on Thursday the 9 March the Committee would recommend that Mr. Vandenhoff be asked to come but at least ten days after Dr. Lord's last lecture.

after due consideration by the Board, it was moved by Mr. J. Sellars, seconded by Mr. A.A. Murphy and Resolved "That the Lecture Committee be authorised to engage Mr. Vandenhoff on the terms



"stated in the Report now submitted, provided it  
"can be done without interfering with the course of  
"Lectures to be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Lord."  
Adjourned

L. Winton

Recy Secretary.

Wm. Young  
Pres.

Minutes of Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Mercantile Library Association held in Committee  
Room on Monday evening 6<sup>th</sup> March at 8 P.M.

Present. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young in the Chair.

Thomas Sellar, William Angus, A. A. Murphy, L. Greene,  
James Hardman, L. Winton.

The Minutes of last monthly meeting and of  
the special meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> ult were read & approved.  
Library— The Library Committee verbally reported  
that a large number of valuable books of reference  
are now lying in the Library - the names of which  
are not in the printed catalogue - many of them  
being in fact out of reach - they asked authority  
to have shelving erected in the Committee Room  
for the reception of said books - and to have a  
catalogue prepared in manuscript, so that they  
may be available to students; The Board unanimously  
agreed to give the required authority.

The Lecture Committee reported that: - "they have  
engaged Mr. George Thompson to lecture on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst  
"for the sum of \$50 American Currency" also that  
"the Rev. Dr. Lord will commence his course of lectures  
"on the 9<sup>th</sup> inst; and Mr. Vandenhoff will give his  
"first reading on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant."

An motion the engagement of Mr. Geo Thompson  
who is to lecture on "England and her Reforms" was  
sanctioned by the Board.



The Reading Room Committee presented the following report:—

To the President and Board of Directors of the  
Mercantile Library Association.  
Gentlemen,

The Reading Room Committee have to report that in accordance with the wishes of the Board expressed in the adoption of the Finance Committee's Report, they have reconsidered their decision on the instructions previously given to the Superintendent for the collection of Members' dues, and although they are still of opinion that the course adopted by them is the best in the interests of the Institution, they have nevertheless instructed the Superintendent to devote the time thought necessary for the collection of Members' dues, by the Finance Committee—viz two hours in the morning and one hour in the afternoon, the time thus given to be devoted to collections and obtaining new members, ten per cent to be allowed on the subscription of all new members for the first year.

In making the change in the time devoted to this purpose, your Committee feel constrained to state that while it may better produce the results desired by the Finance Committee, it cannot but do so, at the expense of a due and efficient attendance on the part of the Superintendent in the Rooms, and they would submit for the consideration of the Board, whether it would not be better to adopt some other means of collecting than one which deprives the Rooms of the presence of the Superintendent for so long a time.

At the suggestion of your Committee, the Superintendent has prepared a report of such suggestions as his observation and experience dictated on the efficiency of the Reading Room, and the report is herewith presented—and the suggestions contained therein, your Committee think worthy of adoption, especially the change suggested in the "Edinburgh Scotsman"



and Manchester Guardian, and the introduction into the rooms of an Irish paper of opposite politics to the Freeman's Journal.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) R. Thomas, Chairman

The following is the report of the Superintendent referred to in the above, viz

"Mercantile Library Association  
Montreal March 4<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Dear Sir,

For sometime back I have been engaged noting the number of readers to each paper in the Reading Room with a view to curtail any unnecessary expense which may be incurred by taking papers not generally read by the Members. I now beg to lay before you the result of my observations.

Of the British papers, not including the Illustrated Papers those most read in order are the "Times", "Bell's Life", "European Times" and "Liverpool Mercury". The "Edinburgh Scotsman", "Glasgow Herald", and Dublin "Freeman's Journal" have only some few occasional readers while the Manchester Guardian is hardly looked at. Now I would suggest that the daily editions of the "Edinburgh Scotsman" and Manchester Guardian for which the large sum of \$22.50 each is annually paid should be discontinued and the weekly editions taken instead. Surely it is somewhat anomalous that Glasgow should be represented by a weekly paper and Edinburgh by a daily, the same remark will apply to Liverpool and Manchester.

He ought to take into consideration that for the sum of \$45 which at present we so lavishly expend on these two daily papers (the Scotsman & Guardian) we could procure eight first class weekly papers and which I apprehend would give very general satisfaction to our members.



The Saturday Review is a paper much sought after, and costs only £1.6.0 per annum. Sterling. With reference to the other papers on our files, Provincial and United States, I believe the present selection is undoubtedly the best under our present circumstances, so that whatever additions may be made I would counsel no subtractions.

According to your orders I have given notice to Messrs. Dawson Bros. to discontinue the Glasgow Herald and have taken it from Mr. Kiddell, which will save us \$2.50 annually. Dawson charge us also \$5.50 for the Illustrated London Times which is 50 cents more than Kiddell's charge; Would it be worth while changing for the amount we would save?

Would it not be well also that Messrs. Lowe and Chamberlin should be thanked for their kindness in furnishing us with the daily edition of the Ottawa Union which was very much needed to complete the list of our provincial papers.

If the Board should approve of the suggestion recommending the discontinuance of the Daily editions of the Edinburgh Scotsman and Manchester Guardian, please bear in mind the requisition of Messrs. Northman, Barry, Kathiris and the other Irish members concerning the procuring of an Irish paper of an opposite shade of politics to the Freeman's Journal.

I am, Sir, yours John W. Fetherston  
Superintendent N.H.A.

R. Thomas Esq

Chairman R.R. Committee

On motion the Report was ordered to be received & placed on file - and the Board approved the suggestions made in the Superintendent's letter embodied in the Report; as to change of newspapers, and instructed the R.R. Committee to act on them as soon as it can conveniently be done.



The Treasurer submitted the following statement for month of February 1865.

To Balance from last month	\$ 67.52	
To Cash for Annual subscriptions	175.50	
To Cash for a book lost	1.00	
To Cash for papers	8.81	
To Cash from Chess Club	12.00	
— Dr. —		\$ 264.83
By paid Dawson Bros. for 1 book	1.50	
By " Gas account	34.82	
By " for sundries	22.44	
By paid W. Middleton & Co for Coal	9.46	
By paid Thomas Riddell	40.00	
By paid postage	.63	
By paid S. Date due from last year	1.18	
By paid J. Brennan on account due to self	80.00	
By paid Superintendent	33.34	
By Balance	41.46	264.83
E. C.		

Montreal 1 March 1865

signed J. C. Jacques Treasurer M.A.

Received and ordered on file.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. A. McGibbon conveying his resignation of the office of Vice President - which resignation was accepted. Mr. A. A. Murphy being elected by ballot to fill the office of Vice President and Mr. Alex. McGibbon elected a Director.

The Secretary then presented a letter from Mr. J. C. Jacques Jr in which he tender his resignation of the office of Treasurer.

On which, on motion of Mr. A. A. Murphy Messrs Angus & Sinton were requested to call on Mr. Jacques and request him to withdraw his resignation. And the meeting adjourned.

James Sinton  
Recy Secretary.



Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
held in the Committee Room on Saturday, the  
18 March 1865 at 4 pm.

Present Hon John Young in the Chair,

Messrs A. A. Murphy, Thomas, James, Greene, Sinton

The Chairman stated he had convened the  
meeting with a view to the adoption by the Board  
of such measures as may best secure the collection  
of the several amounts subscribed to the fund for  
the erection of the new building. He informed the  
meeting that the Building Committee had given  
out the contracts for the several descriptions of work  
that the front will be of Ohio Stone - and the cost  
rather exceed the amounts subscribed - and urged  
the Board to do their part in support of the Building  
Committee - It was agreed that Mr Thomas shall  
obtain from Mr W. W. Sherman the names of those  
who have paid up in whole or in part - and a  
complete list of the subscribers names, to report  
at an adjourned meeting on Saturday 25 March at 4 pm.

The following gentlemen were then appointed to  
make collections in the sheets placed opposite to  
their respective names: -

Messrs A. A. Murphy

J. Sinton } J. Paul

Messrs R. Thomas.

Hardman } McMill. Gray, Sulpice Little & James  
J. James & Davies.

Messrs G. C. James

L. Greene } Commissioners, Foundling - Grey Run,  
Common, Wellington, & Antoinette Grand Fork

Mr. Hector's resignation was laid before the  
meeting and ordered to lay over till monthly meeting

Mr Thomas reported that Mr W. A. Altus was  
leaving the city and was willing to settle his claim  
for one half the amount demanded; Mr Thomas  
was authorised to offer him \$2500 in full.

Adjourned

J. Sinton Secy. Secretary.



Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors held  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1865 at 8 pm. in Committee Room.  
Present, A. A. Murphy in the chair,  
Messrs Sellars, Jaques, Linton, Thomas, Botterell.

The Minutes of meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 18 March  
were read and approved.

The Library Committee expressed in their Report  
the hope that the books of reference would be fully  
catalogued and placed on the shelves in the Committee  
Room by the middle of the current month.

The Reading Room Committee presents the following  
Report:

"The Reading Room have to report that in  
"accordance with the wishes of the Board, expressed  
"in the adoption of your Committee's last Report, that  
"the daily edition of the Manchester Guardian and  
"Edinburgh Scotsman, have been discontinued and  
"Weekly Editions substituted, and orders have been  
"sent for weekly edition of Irish Times or Daily Express  
"These papers will, it is hoped be on the files in about  
"3 weeks. This change which cannot fail to meet the  
"wishes of the members is effected without any increase  
"in expenditure, notwithstanding the London Saturday  
"Review is ordered and will appear on file at the  
"same time as the above.

Respectfully submitted, R. Thomas Chairman

The Lecture Committee presented accounts  
showing result of the lectures delivered by George  
Thomson Esq and the Reverend Dr Lord, the loss  
by the former was \$15.55 by the latter \$86.78  
Also statement showing a nett profit on 4 Readings  
by George Brandenbrough Esq, of \$147.13 On motion  
the accounts were ordered to be received and  
placed on file.

Mr R. Thomas reported that Mr W Arthur  
positively rejects the offer by the Board of \$25. in full



for damage done to his stock by water - he however agrees to take the note of the Association at 12 months for \$43.35 being an abatement of 50 per cent on his claim amounting to \$86.69

On motion of Mr. Sellar seconded by Mr. Botterell the Treasurer was authorised and requested to grant a note for the said amount of \$43.35 in settlement of this claim

The Treasurer presented the following "Cash Statement for the month of June 1865"

To Balance from last month 41.46  
To Cash for annual subscriptions 74.75  
To Nett gain on Vandenhoff's readings 147.13 \$263.34  
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By loss on Geo Thompson's Lecture	15.55	
By loss on Rev. Dr. Lord's Lectures	86.78	
paid Brennan balance of rent	30.00	
paid Little City Passes	37.50	
paid Superintendent's salary	33.33	
paid Boy's wages	8.00	
paid J. B. Beard for Coal	9.30	
paid Sundries	4.00	
paid Balance to Treasr.	<u>37.98</u>	263.34

Which statement was ordered on file.

The resignation of Mr. R. L. Hector who has removed to Stratford Ct. was then accepted.

It was then moved by Mr. Sinton seconded by G. E. Jacques Jr and Resolved: "That the Superintendent be instructed to prepare a statement of all monies paid for advertising and printing for the past two years (or four years if possible) shewing the persons to whom the respective amounts were paid, and the purpose for which the work was required"

On motion of Mr. Sinton seconded by Mr. Botterell it was resolved, that the thanks of the Board be tendered to Messrs. Lowe & Chamberlin proprietors



of the Gazette for furnishing to the Room the Ottawa Union  
Adjourned.

James Clinton Secy.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of  
Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held  
on Monday evening 1<sup>st</sup> May 1865 at 8 O'Clock.

Present: A.A. Murphy Esq. V.P. in the Chair.

W. Angus, J. Whennan, Thos. Sellar, Richard Thomas, J.C. Jacques  
Lonsdale Greene, Sinton & J. St. Botterell.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved.

The Secretary presented a statement prepared  
by the Superintendent showing the amount ex-  
pended for advertising & printing for the years  
which was ordered on file.

The Secretary then read the draft of the Semi-  
Annual Report of the Board, which was discussed  
clause by clause and after one or two trifling amend-  
ments was adopted and ordered to be presented  
at the General Semi Annual Meeting to be held on  
this Evening at 8 O'Clock.

The Treasurer presented his half yearly acct  
Mercantile Library Association.

In asc with J. C. Jacques Jr Treasurer

Dr		Cr	
To Paid Rent & Taxes	257 50	Balance on hand last year	53 16
To Paid Salaries	206 06	Cash for subscriptions	176 75
To Paid collecting subscription	85 48	Cash for debts due in 1864	25 00
To Paid for Newspapers	80 00	Cash for Newspapers	45 46
To Paid Postages	8 28	Cash from Chess Subscribers	12 00
To Paid Gas	34 82	Net profits of Lectures &c	44 58
To Paid Fuel	28 01		
To Paid Contingencies &c	150 33		
To Balance on hand	58 06		
	\$ 859 94		\$ 859 94

which acct was received and ordered to be read at  
the Semi Annual Meeting of the Association



The Treasurer also presented a statement of Liabilities of the Association accrued and to accrue up to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 1865. of which the following is a copy-

	Paid to	Price	Proportion year unpaid	Due 30 Nov.
<sup>1862</sup> Montreal Gazette	Dec <sup>r</sup> 31	\$7	11 Mos	7 00
<sup>1863</sup> Montreal Herald	Dec <sup>r</sup> 31	\$8	10 <sup>yr</sup> 11 Mos	15 33
Montreal Telegraph	Dec <sup>r</sup> 31	\$5	2 years	10 00
<sup>1862</sup> Quebec Morning Chronicle	Dec <sup>r</sup>	\$6	1 year	6 00
<sup>1863</sup> Toronto Globe	Dec <sup>r</sup> 5	\$6	2 years	12 00
<sup>1865</sup> Toronto Leader	Jan <sup>y</sup> 1	\$6	11 Mos	5 50
<sup>1864</sup> Hamilton Spectator	April 6	\$5	8 Mos	3 33
<sup>1862</sup> Hunt's Magazine New York	June 30	\$5	17 Mos	7 08
Montreal Herald for printing				5 99
Montreal Gazette for printing &c.				3 57
Scottish Am <sup>r</sup> . Journal New York				5 00
<sup>1862</sup> New York Allion	Dec <sup>r</sup> 31	\$4	11 Mos	3 67
<sup>1865</sup> Shipping Comm <sup>r</sup> List, New York	Jan <sup>y</sup> 25	\$11	10 Mos	9 17
Montreal Transcript advertising				3 57
Evening Telegraph advertising				2 94
Mitchell, Cockburn & Co				1 00
Brennan Rent 3 qrs + 1 Month				3 66 67
Mayor Ald <sup>r</sup> & Citizens for Taxes				55 50
Dawson Brothers				75 79
H. Patton balance of acc <sup>t</sup>				12 55
Thomas Riddell, newspapers &c.				214 10
New City Gas Company				74 00
Fuel for October & November	10 00	3 00		13 00
Superintendent 7 Mos salary				233 34
Boys' wages 7 Months				56 00
Postage till 30 November				12 00
Commission collecting subscriptions				20 00
Sundries				25 00
In addition				\$ 1259 80
Herald Office printing Catalogue				
Report last fall				



Estimated Expenditure per Annual Report	1642.37
Debt per Ditts	<u>519.85</u>
	\$ 2152.22

Amot of Debt paid for Statement to 1 <sup>st</sup> May	801.08	
of Debt due for Statement to 30 Novem <sup>r</sup>	1259.80	<u>2060.88</u>
		91.34

Amount of Revenue exclusive of Lectures, estimates  
in Annual Report at \$1365.10

Amot collected for Statement 762.21

Amot balance from last year 53.15

Amot from Lecture Committee 44.58

Amot due for subscriptions \$520 value 400.00	1259.94	<u>105.16</u>
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the above statement was ordered on file.

The Meeting adjourned.

James Clinton  
Res Secretary M.L.A.



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board  
of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association  
held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1865 at 8.00 o'clock  
Present. A. A. Murphy, Vice Pres in the Chair  
R. Thomas, J. Allan, J. Shwartz, & J. Reane, J. E. Jacques  
W. Angus and W. Patrick.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were  
read and confirmed, whereupon J. E. Jacques Esq  
on behalf of the Finance Committee presented a  
report of the financial condition of the as-  
sociation up to the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1865, which was  
read by the Secretary, received and ordered on  
file and of which the following is a copy:

"Your Committee regret to report that the  
'collections still continue very small. During the pass  
'month they amounted to \$54.25 a sum which  
'has been sufficient to pay only the Superintendent's  
'and book salaries."

"The financial state of the Association  
'demands the immediate and earnest attention of  
'the Board and if some means of raising money  
'be not immediately devised the Association  
'must close its doors."

"Mr. Brennan is very angry at not  
'receiving his rent (due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May last)  
'and threatens to put the matter in suit  
'immediately if not paid - one other creditor  
'are also urged."

"If no other means be devised your  
'Committee would suggest that an active Cam-  
'paign be at once made through the City for  
'new members, offering as an inducement to  
'join now, to accept one year's subscription  
'and to give admittance to the Library and  
'the privilege of membership to the close of  
'next year."



In furtherance of the recommendations of this  
Committee, it was moved by Mr. Sullen, second-  
ed by Mr. J. Stewart and resolved: "That the Treas-  
urer of the Association is hereby authorized to negotiate  
a loan of \$300.00 for three months, and if  
necessary to renew the same for three months more,  
to meet the present unpaid claims on the  
"Association": and it was further moved <sup>by</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>seconded</sup>  
Mr. R. Thomas and seconded by Mr. J. E. Jacques,  
"That an active canvas by this Board be forthwith  
undertaken to obtain new members for this As-  
sociation and that all subscriptions thus obtained  
be received to meet the loan authorized by  
the foregoing resolution."

The meeting then adjourned

H. Pattee.

Secretary pro tem N. L. A.

Minutes of Semi Annual Meeting of the  
Members of the Mercantile Library Association  
held in the Reading Room, James Street  
on Monday evening May 1865 at 8 P.M.

Present, Mr A. A. Murphy V.P. in the Chair.  
Messrs Whennan, Barry, G. E. Jacques Jr, Botterell,  
Taylor, Steele, Thomas, Linton, and others  
forming more than the necessary quorum.

The Minutes of last Annual Meeting were  
read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the directors Report  
and Treasurer's Statement for the half year  
elapsed, and after some discussion, it was moved  
by Mr Wm. Angus seconded by Mr. <sup>and</sup> resolved  
"That the Report and Financial Statement now  
read be received and adopted"



There being no further business before the  
Meeting - an adjournment was moved & carried.  
James C. Sinton, Rec. Secy

The following is the Semi Annual Report.  
To the Members of the Mercantile Library Assoc.  
Gentlemen,

Your Board beg leave to submit a re-  
port of their proceed of their proceedings during the  
half year elapsed.

Board. There have been few changes in the  
composition of the Board as constituted at the Annual  
Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 1864. W. A. McGibbon  
finding it impossible to devote the time necessary to  
the due fulfilment of the duties of the Office of Vice  
President, tendered his resignation which was accepted.  
W. A. A. Murphy accepting the office, and W. McGibbon taking  
a seat at the Board as Director. W. N. G. Hector has also  
resigned, in consequence of his departure from the City  
and W. N. Patrick has been elected in his stead.

Reading Room. The attendance is equal to what it  
was last year, notwithstanding the limited space for  
the accomodation of members, the only changes to note  
in the papers received are the following; The daily  
editions of the Manchester Guardian and Edinburgh Scotsman  
have been discontinued and the weekly editions ordered  
in their stead which has enabled the Reading Room  
Committee to add the Saturday Review and Dublin  
Irish Times to the list of papers received without adding  
to the expenditure in this department, Your Board have  
reason to believe that the changes will give general  
satisfaction. The amount received for newspapers  
sold fully equals the estimate of our predecessors.

Library. The Library Committee have not  
been able to make any additions to the Books  
in the Library owing to want of money, but there  
has been a fair circulation of those already on



the shelves. Many of these require rebinding and some replacing, it is to be regretted our finances are not in a state to enable us to place a sufficient sum at the disposal of the Committee.

The Committee having reported to your Board that a large number of works in the library are not adapted for general circulation, the Committee were authorised to erect shelving for the reception of Books of reference, which are seldom taken out of the library. These Books have since been removed to the Committee Room, and a catalogue prepared. Members will find this arrangement greatly facilitate their search for statistical and other works of like nature. Many volumes such as Journals of the House of Commons, and early Canadian Newspapers &c are well worth looking over, though too bulky for removal. The room is well adapted for the purpose of studying works of this nature.

Lectures. Your Board carried out an engagement partly completed by their predecessors with the Rev & D<sup>r</sup> Lord who delivered five lectures on "Representative Women", the lectures were of a high character, but unfortunately 'represent' a loss of \$86.78. Mr. Geo. Thompson having visited the city and delivered one or more lectures, your Board seized the opportunity to engage him to lecture under your auspices on "England and her Reforms"; he having been detained by storm on his journey from Quebec, was under the necessity of speaking on another subject, which is much to be regretted; this venture also entailed a loss of \$15.55.

Your Board again engaged Mr. Geo. Vandenhoff to give a course of four readings, which he did in Nordheimer's Hall in March last. This gentleman drew large audiences as usual, and your Board rejoice to say the course netted \$147.13.

Finances. Your Board regret that they cannot advise any improvement in this Department



The number of resignations has been much greater than anticipated and the number of new members unusually small, which may doubtless be accounted for to a great extent by the great depression in business. Your Board fear that your position at the end of the current year will be well nigh as bad as it was five years ago, and they urgently pray those members who take an active interest in the affairs of the Association to aid us in obtaining new members; the more so that it is very desirable the Association should enter the new Building free of debt.

Our new Building. Your Board are happy to be able to inform you that the contracts for the new building are already given out, and work on the site will be commenced at once. The front will be of dressed Chis Stone - and the internal arrangements will be admirably adapted to our wants. The Building Committee have sought the co-operation of your Board in collecting the subscriptions - this has been cheerfully given - and we earnestly hope that the members of the Association will not be slow in strengthening the hands of the Committee, by handing in the amounts of their respective subscriptions at their earliest possible convenience - These gentlemen have undertaken a very onerous task for our benefit and have certainly a right to expect any assistance the members of the Association may be enabled to afford them.

Respectfully submitted  
(Signed) A. A. Murphy,  
Vice President.







Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library  
Association held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> July 1865.

Present A. A. Murphy, Vice President, in  
the Chair, J. Sellar, R. Thomas, J. C. Sinton,  
J. E. Jaques and W. Patnick.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting  
were read and confirmed; whereupon a letter  
from J. M. Leman Esq. was read, in which he  
stated that important business would pre-  
clude his attendance at the meeting of  
the Board.

A communication from the Mercantile  
Library of New York was read and on the  
motion of Mr. Sinton, seconded by Mr. Thomas,  
it was resolved, "That the Secretary be  
requested to acknowledge the receipt of this  
communication and to congratulate the Association  
on its prosperous condition."

Mr. J. E. Jaques presented on behalf of  
the Finance Committee, the following report  
which was received and ordered on file: viz:  
"Your Committee regret to report that the collections  
still continue very small and that during the  
past month, barely enough to cover current ex-  
penses was realized."

"In accordance with the instructions  
given at the last Monthly Meeting, your  
Committee has succeeded in negotiating a  
loan for three hundred dollars."

"The note of the Association has been  
granted, at three months from June 8<sup>th</sup>, to  
Tom Angus Esq., the proceeds of which, \$294 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>,  
he has handed to the Treasurer."

"Out of this sum, Mr. Brownson has  
been paid £10 00 for rent and fire of May,



and Mr. Keadle \$1,000 on accounts."

"The account for water tax \$18.00 has been rendered, which when paid will leave a balance of this special fund in the Treasurer's hands, subject to the order of the Board, of \$66.50."

The Treasurer was empowered by the Board, to pay the account of \$5.00, for Hunt's Merchants Magazine, and also the account of \$18.00, for Water Tax.

A statement showing the cost of the advertising and printing of the Association in the several City newspapers, was read by Mr. Sinton, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. Patrick, it was resolved, "That this statement be referred to the <sup>Lecture</sup> Library Committee to take such action in the matter as will reduce the cost of advertising and printing in future and that the said committee are hereby requested to report at the next Monthly Meeting of the Board."

Mr. Sellar moved in amendment to the foregoing resolution that the words "and that the said committee are hereby requested to report at the next Monthly Meeting of the Board" be struck out; but as no one seconded Mr. Sellar's amendment, it was lost.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Sague, and resolved, "That an Honorary Membership, be presented to P. McDonald Esq., a late editor of the Montreal Transcript, as an expression of our appreciation of his past kindness to the Association."

The meeting then adjourned.

W. Patrick  
Acting Secy.



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Asso-  
ciation held on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1865.

Present A. A. Murphy, Vice President, in the  
Chair, Sinton, Hardman, Jacques and Patrik

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Sinton seconded  
by Mr. W. Patrik and resolved: "That the  
Treasurer do pay to the Superintendent the  
sum of due him for salary, out of  
the amount now remaining in his hands  
as the balance of proceeds of the note for  
£200.00 discounted by Mr. Angus."

It was moved by Mr. Jacques and seconded  
by Mr. Hardman and resolved: "That the  
Secretary of the Association is hereby requested  
to notify those members of the Board who  
have repeatedly absented themselves, that in  
order to secure the efficient working of  
the Association it is absolutely necessary  
that they should be present at the  
meetings of the Board, or to make way  
for those who have time to attend to  
the business of the Association."

It was resolved on motion of Mr. Sinton  
seconded by Mr. Hardman: "That the  
Treasurer is hereby authorised to tender a  
note of £10.00 - to Mr. Brennan to liquidate the  
amount now due him for rent or to  
make such an arrangement with Mr. Brennan  
as he, (the Treasurer), may deem advisable."

On the motion of Mr. Sinton seconded  
by Mr. Jacques, it was resolved: "That the  
Corresponding Secretary is hereby authorised,  
to write to Mr. George Vandenhaff, to ascertain  
in what date he can come to Montreal,  
and on what terms he would agree



to give, under the auspices of the Association,  
a course of Readings in Montreal, and to suggest  
that the Association would prefer that he should  
accept as his remuneration, one half of the  
<sup>gross proceeds</sup> profits of his readings."

It was moved by Mr. Jacques and seconded  
by Mr. Hardman and resolved: "That this Meeting  
do adjourn to Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> next to receive  
a report concerning the collection of subscriptions."

W. Patrick

Acting Secretary.



Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
held in the Committee Room on Tuesday the  
12<sup>th</sup> September 1865.

Present, A. A. Humphry Vice President in the  
Chair, Messrs. Sinton, Greene, Angus, Stuart,  
Sellar, Jacques, Hardman, McLennan and  
Patrick.

The Chairman stated that in pursuance  
of a resolution of the preceding Meeting, this Meet-  
ing had been convened, in order to consider a  
Report concerning the collection of subscriptions.

Whereupon a report prepared by the  
Superintendent, was read by the Secretary,  
showing the names of those whom he considered  
"good" and "bad", of the subscribers who have  
not paid their subscriptions, which report, on  
the motion of Mr. Sinton, seconded by Mr. Greene,  
was referred to the Treasurer, with a request  
that he should require the Superintendent to  
make out a list of the members of the  
Association for the year 1865, showing the  
names of those who have, and of those  
who have not paid their subscriptions, and  
to strike out the names of those whom ~~are~~  
he has returned as bad; and furthermore  
that he shall post the said list in a  
conspicuous part of the Reading Room.

In order to relieve the Association of its  
financial distress, on the motion of Mr. McLennan  
seconded by Mr. Sinton, it was resolved: "That a  
Promenade Concert be held under the auspices  
of the Association, not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> proximo."

In pursuance of the foregoing Resolution  
it was moved by Mr. Angus, seconded by  
Mr. Greene; "That the President, Vice Presidents,  
and members of the <sup>Lecture</sup> ~~Lecture~~ Committee form



"a Committee, to make inquiries concerning, and to  
report on, the getting up of the said Concert."  
The meeting then adjourned

H. Patrick

Acting Secy

Special Meeting of the Board of  
Directors held in the Committee Room on  
Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> September

Present, Hon John Young, President in  
the Chair, Messrs Murphy, Sellar, Patrick,  
Jacques, Angus, Greene & Sinton.

The minutes of the preceding meeting  
were read and confirmed.

Mr. Murphy presented an informal  
report of the probable cost and profits  
of the Promenade Concerts, which the  
preceding meeting had decided to hold.

Mr. Young stated that the receipts  
of the Building Fund Committee were  
such, in his opinion, as to remove the  
necessity of holding the Promenade Concert  
and on his suggestion the Board, by  
resolution, decided to defer taking any  
action in the matter until the suc-  
ceeding meeting.

H. Patrick

Acting Secretary.



Minutes of the Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held in the Committee Room on Monday 2 Feb 1875 at 8 O'clock p.m.

Present; Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young President in the Chair,  
Messrs Sellar, Angus, Jacques, May and Sinton.

The Secretary having neglected to bring the Minute Book, the minutes were not read.

The Treasurer reported that the Superintendent had collected \$      and disbursed \$      during the month and had handed him \$      balance in his hands. The President objected to this mode of doing business and stated that all monies coming into the hands of the Superintendent from any source whatever should be handed to the Treasurer, and by him held subject to the order of the Board. Mr James states that the rule has always been - to pay Salary, postage, gas, rent & such items without any special order from the Board - after some discussion it was moved by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young and seconded by Mr J. A. May - that it be an instruction to the Finance Committee, that in future all monies received by the Superintendent or other parties shall be handed to the Treasurer, and that all disbursements on account of the Association shall be paid by him or them, by order of the Board on the Treasurer.

The Lecture Committee reported verbally that they had not yet learned that Mr. Sandenoff had arrived from England - and that they were prepared to carry out the instructions of the Board immediately on his arrival in New York.

Mr. Angus on behalf of Mr. Murphy, chairman of the Committee appointed to enquire as to the advisability of giving a promenade Concert for the benefit of the Association - presented the Report of the Committee - the expenses of two Concerts held



in the Crystal Palace by the Christian Young Men's Association, were for the first concert \$184, for the second \$254, the gross receipts from both being \$778.00 leaving a nett profit of \$398.00.

The Report also referred to the fact that the gentlemen of the Montreal Gymnasium were about to give an exhibition, and would doubtless be willing to act in conjunction with the M. L. A. thus adding to the funds of this Association.

The Board considered very carefully the suggestions contained in the Report - and also its connection with the Building Fund - it was unanimously agreed that coming before the public in aid of the funds of the Association at this time would likely be injurious to the Building Fund and it was therefore moved by Mr. Sellar Angus seconded by Mr. Jacques and "Resolved that the Report of the Special Committee be received and the said Committee be discharged."

The Meeting then adjourned.

James C. Sinton  
Recording Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, held in the Room on Monday evening the 16<sup>th</sup> October 1865 at 8 P.M.

Present; Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young in the Chair.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sellar, Jacques, Stewart, Patrick, Angus, Thomas, Hardman, May, Jacques, and Sinton and Mr. Lennan.

The President stated that he had called the meeting in consequence of the resignation of the Vice President Mr. A. C. Murphy, and called on the Secretary to read Mr. Murphy's letter of resignation, which was done, and it was moved by Mr. Lennan, seconded by Mr. Jacques - "That Mr. Murphy be asked to withdraw his resignation, this meeting being of opinion that



such a step at this time would be injurious  
to the prosperity of the Association, and that Messrs  
McNennan, Stewart be a Committee to wait on  
Mr. Murphy. Carried unanimously.

The President stated that the finances of the  
Association were in a bad state, and suggested that  
it would be advisable to call a general meeting  
of the Members of the Association to take into  
consideration the present position of the Asso-  
ciation with a view to endeavour to clear off  
the debt of the Association prior to our occupying  
the new Building - the Board considered this to be  
necessary - and authorised the President to call a  
meeting of the Association by circular or otherwise  
for <sup>Saturday</sup> ~~the 21st~~ evening next the 20<sup>th</sup> inst, in Messrs  
Roddhams's Lower Hall.

And the meeting adjourned.

James E. Sinton  
Recy Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Members  
of the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal  
called by the President, by Circular addressed to  
each member, to receive a report of the progress  
of the new building and the financial affairs  
of the Building Committee, and to consider the af-  
fairs of the Association generally; held in Messrs  
Roddhams's Lower Hall, on Saturday evening, the  
21<sup>st</sup> October 1865 at 8 O'Clock.

Present: The Honble John Young in the chair  
Messrs A. A. Murphy, Vice President, G. E. Jacques Jr.  
Treasurer, J. E. Sinton, Recy Secretary, Jno. McNennan  
R. Thomas, F. A. May, J. Hardman, Jas. Stewart  
Directors; and S. Calderott, H. Middlemiss, Robson,  
Theodore Lyman, C. H. Adams, John Turnbull, Geo. Conpar,  
Eastwood, W. Whyte, John Tate, John Gladstone, J. M. Gill,  
R. Atkinson, Edwin Evans, W. McCormick and James Cooper.



The President gave a very full Report of the proceedings of the Building Committee, showing the amount so far collected of subscription list, estimate of cost of Building, amount required to complete it, and value of the portion of the land not yet taken for the purposes of the Association, &c. &c. after which he referred to the debt due by the Association, amounting to some \$1200. and expressed a hope that the clerk & members particularly would consider it a duty and pleasure to aid in wiping out this debt, before the end of our fiscal year, thus enabling the Building Committee to ask contributions towards the new Building from those Merchants who have not yet subscribed thereto, with a greater prospect of success. Mr. Young's remarks were received with much favor.

Messrs Caldecott and Murphy then addressed the meeting, insisting on the absolute necessity of at once freeing the Association from debt, the latter announcing his readiness to give \$100 towards the amount.

Mr. McLennan thought the meeting were now in possession of all the information required, and believed we must now go to work; he would therefore move "That a Committee of five be named to call on each member of the Association to ask their assistance for the extinction of the debt due by the Association of \$1200; and that said Committee consist of Messrs A. A. Murphy, F. A. May, Stapleton Caldecott, J. R. Middlemiss & Jas. Hardman. the motion being seconded by Mr. Hardman, was put to the vote & Carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Caldecott a subscription was then opened, and the sum of \$310 (including \$50 promises by Mr. T. Hookman - not present at the meeting) was announced to have been obtained, there being no further business of importance - the meeting after some conversation arising out of the foregoing - adjourned.

James C. Linton Secy.



*The following report of proceedings at the meeting of the Association held at Nordheim's Hall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1865 is that of the Reporter for the Montreal Gazette.*

#### MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday evening a meeting of the members of this association took place at Nordheim's Hall at eight o'clock. The Hon. John Young, President of the Association in the chair.

The CHAIRMAN, in opening the meeting said, they had met for the purpose of receiving information concerning the progress of the new building, and also concerning the subscription which had been taken up for that purpose. The directors thought it the more necessary to give such information in view of the approaching annual meeting of the Association, especially as no meeting had been held for this object since the last annual meeting, when they were informed that the sum of \$20,000 had been subscribed. The Chairman read the paragraph of the report relative to the proposed new building, which he was happy to say had now been carried out. He was not surprised at the apathy which had been manifested towards the association, when the want of attraction was considered, which was even less this year than last; but people should now come forward as everything had been done to provide proper and attractive accommodation for the Association. He regretted the past want of enterprise, but was glad there were so many present that evening, as he wished to state the assets of the Building Fund. Of the sum of \$20,000 there was some \$1600 of members subscriptions uncollected, and the actual amount paid into the treasurer's hands was \$15,500. Of the sum subscribed by the merchants there was \$2650 in the hands of a few individuals not paid up. The cost of the lot was \$14,000. Shortly after the purchase there was a petition sent in to the Corporation in favor of widening Bonaventure Street to 70 feet, and it was on this new line the building was erected. The amount paid on the lot was \$4,747, leaving \$10,000 yet due. The rent of the ground not used by the Association amounted to \$550, which nearly paid the interest on the capital. The building itself would cost \$16,000. The heating \$2,000. It was also intended to heat the two shops by the same apparatus. The furniture and gas fittings would cost \$3,500. The building completed, together with the land, would therefore cost \$36,000, of which only \$20,000 had been subscribed. They wanted still \$16,000, and as mentioned, there was still \$2,650 to be received from subscribers among the merchants. The directors had ascertained there were still 150 firms in the city who had yet subscribed nothing, and intended to open a new subscription. He had no doubt that the money yet required to free the building from debt would be raised without difficulty if the Committee were actively supported, as he, himself, had been often told to double subscriptions if necessary. They had made an offer to the Corporation of \$2,000, as the value of the land taken to widen Bonaventure street. The great object was to go into the building free from debt, and have a clear income to be devoted to the purchase of new books and providing lectures, affording the best possible instruction, so that every member would thus have an opportunity of hearing lectures on

specified evenings of the week. The library in the new building would be a splendid room, and would have accommodation for a large number of books; the reading-room would also be made as comfortable as possible; the furniture should be modern, and it should also be handsomely carpeted and fitted up so as to be excelled by no other room on the continent. Social clubs might exist, but he (the Chairman) hoped that where literary objects were in view, the people of Montreal would find sufficient attraction in the Mercantile Library Association. He had now made a statement of what had been done by the Association, but on looking over the accounts of the institution he had found that a debt, of which some portion had been paid, but which, at the end of the year, would amount to \$1,000 or \$1,100, was weighing upon it. The Chairman then went on to urge that some effort should be made to pay this debt off before going into the new building, pointing out the great advantages which would accrue in every way. At the annual meeting, it would be necessary to choose a board of directors, who would carry out the views of the association with energy and determination. During the past year he had been unable through illness to do much himself, but Mr McLennan and Mr Rimmer had done everything in their power. If he was placed on the committee, he would have no objection to act; but he did not want to be considered as a candidate for the presidency. Before the annual meeting he had no doubt there would be numerous subscriptions obtained, indeed he believed he could get \$1000 from one firm. [Cheers.] He then spoke of the pride young men ought to feel in possessing a property now worth \$40,000, and which would probably ere long be worth \$80,000. It was one of the best sites in the town. In what had been done there seemed nothing to regret; application for the shops had already been made, and everything seemed going on prosperously. The committee, however, were unanimously agreed that it would be a great advantage to be free from the debt of \$1100. Notwithstanding there was a sum of \$1600 due of subscriptions of members, the Treasurer of the Building Fund was still \$2000 in advance of all claims upon him. In conclusion, the hon. gentleman hoped that some resolution would be come to that night concerning the liquidation of the debt of \$1100, as it would be of great service to himself and others in advocating the cause of the institution if this was paid. [Cheers.]

Mr CALDICOTTE next addressed the meeting, urging strongly that the debt be wiped out, and thought the best plan would be to appoint a committee for that special purpose.

Mr. MURPHY also spoke earnestly as to the necessity of strengthening the hands of those working for the cause, by getting out of debt. The merchants only wanted to see honest effort on the part of the young men to aid them liberally. When the President called on him, he suggested the present meeting, which he was pleased to see carried out. For himself, he was ready to contribute handsomely to the object in view. [Cheers.]

Mr. McLENNAN thought the subject had been exhausted, and a proper committee should be appointed. After some further remarks, he moved, seconded by Mr. Hardman,—That a committee of five be appointed to call on each member of the Association for their assistance in the extinction of the debt due by the Association of \$1,100, and that it consist of Messrs. Murphy, Caldicotte, Hardman, May and ~~Simon~~ Middleton.

The resolution was then carried unanimously, a list being opened for subscriptions.

The CHAIRMAN then remarked they would stand in a proud position at the annual meeting if they could say they were free from debt.

Mr. T. LYMAN, after adverting to the want of success of their lectures in a financial point of view, in consequence of the apathy of members, contended there was a want of interest felt by the retail merchants of the city who, when requested to subscribe to the Association on behalf of their young men, had shown the cold shoulder. He thought some means should be taken to interest them in the subject.

The CHAIRMAN defended the retail merchants, who, he asserted, had in many instances contributed larger amounts in proportion than the larger firms.

Mr. THOMAS thought the retail merchants had some reason for apathy in the want hitherto of a place which would afford proper attractions to young men. No body of men in the city were less felt or represented than the retail merchants. Questions of great interest affecting them were often decided at the Board of Trade without their having a voice in the matter; and he held they ought to have some place where they could make their interests felt; and he thought if they would rally round the Mercantile Library Association it would afford them great advantages in this respect.

There being no other business, the meeting then adjourned, \$310 having been subscribed by those present towards the extinction of the debt of the Association.



Minutes of Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held on Monday Evening 8<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1865 at 8 O'Clock.

Present:- Mr Sellar Corresponding Secretary in the Chair.

and Messrs Angus, Jaques, Greene, Thomas and Sinton.  
The Minutes of Meetings held on the 2<sup>d</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October were read & approved.

There was no report from the Finance Committee or Treasurer - or from Library, R. Room or Class Committees.

The Reading Lecture Committee, presents the following report.

Novem<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1865

"Your Committee regrets that Mr. Vandenhoff's Readings were not so profitable as anticipated, owing chiefly to a popular rival entertainment on three of the evenings on which that gentleman read. Monday the first night was a decided success. Mr. Vandenhoff will be in Canada till early in December, and, if the Board desire it, it is likely he can be engaged for a series of Readings early next month."

Your Committee do not think favorably of engaging Mr. Taverner, who has offered to give a course of readings. His letter is herewith submitted.  
(Signed) Thomas Sellar  
Chairman.

The accounts of Mr. Vandenhoff's Readings submitted by the Committee showed a gain of \$86.03, but the accounts were not closed to a point.

Mr. Taverner's letter having been read, it was moved by Mr. Angus seconded by Mr. Greene & resolved that the Corresponding Secretary do intimate to Mr. Taverner that the Board are not open to make an engagement.

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Angus that the Lecture Committee be authorized to engage Mr. Vandenhoff to give a course of three or four readings.



in December next, provided he will agree to accept  
"one half the net proceeds for his share". The motion  
was carried on a division - only one member dissenting.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the following  
accounts:

Salary of Superintendent	\$ 33.33
Wages of his assistant	8.00
Post office exp for October postage	3.65
Chairman 3 months wages	5.00
Cab fare $37\frac{1}{4}$ paper $10^5$	.47 $\frac{1}{2}$
New City Gas Company for gas	
3 Cords Firewood $19.50$ cutting $1.20$ 2.20	<u>21.70</u>

\$

The Treasurer & Recording Secretary were directed  
to prepare the Annual Report - to be submitted  
to a meeting of the Board for discussion - some days  
prior to the Annual Meeting.

And the meeting adjourned.

James C. Sinton; Rec. Secretary.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
Board of Directors held on Tuesday Evening  
the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1885 at 8 O'clock P.M.

Present A. A. Murphy & Vice Pres in the Chair  
Messrs Thomas, Hardman, Jaques, Sellar & Sinton.  
The Secretary read the draft of the Annual  
Report as far as completed, (comprising synopsis  
of various Committees' Reports &c.) and after some  
discussion and the amendment of one or two pa-  
ragraphs - it was moved by Mr Thomas, seconded  
by Mr Sellar and Resolved "That the draft of the  
Annual Report now submitted by the Secretary  
be received and referred to Messrs Youngs, Whendham  
and the Recording Secretary to make such additions  
as they may deem proper before final completion."

Mr Sellar, Chairman of the Lecture Committee  
read a letter received from Mr Dandenhoff in reply  
to our offer of an engagement for Readings in December



letter dates London C.W. 11 November 1865) Mr. Vandenhoff informs him that he could not conveniently come at that time, but will be open to make an engagement for April next.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—  
Quebec Chronicle, subscription 2 years ending 31 Jan'y 1866 \$12.00  
New York Shipping Com List; do year ending 25 Jan'y 1866 \$11.00  
Hunt's Merchant Magazine do year ending June 1866 5.00  
Nordheimer's Hall - rent of room for special meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1865 } 2.00  
\$ 30.00

And the meeting adjourned.

James C. Sinton  
Recording Secretary.

Minutes of the Twenty fifth Annual <sup>Meeting</sup> Report of the Members of the Mercantile Library Association of Montreal, held in their Rooms in Saint John Street on Monday evening 27<sup>th</sup> November 1865 at 8 o'clock.

Present: The Honble John Young Pres. in the Chair. Messrs A. A. Murphy Vice President, W. Sellars, Corresponding Secretary, J. C. Sinton Recording Secretary, J. E. Jacques Jr. Treasurer, Lonsdale Green, James Hardman, J. M. Ingham, W. Whinnery, R. Thomas, James Stewart, W. Patrick, Directors, and J. D. Reed, H. McDougall, Thos. Hiddell, Thomas Kimmel, S. Rees, Eastwood, J. P. Henderson, Norman Robertson, J. J. McHaren and others.

The President having taken the Chair, the Secretary read the Minutes of the Semi Annual Meeting held on May and of special General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October last, which were confirmed.

The President then read the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Association and added verbally several interesting items in connection with the operations of the Building Committee, the Treasurers financial statement for



the year 1865 and exhibit of the liabilities of the Association as at 27 November 1865 were also submitted.

Mr. John Whennan expressed the pleasure with which he had listened to the valuable report just read, valuable for its information as to the past, and more valuable as to its suggestions for the future government of the Association, and he moved Seconded by Mr. Thomas Rimmer, "that the Report now read by the Chairman be received and adopted: & be printed under direction of the Board."

Which Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Chauncey K. Adams, moved that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Building Committee for their valuable services in connection with the erection of the new Hall. Mr. J. J. Wharen seconded the motion, which being put to the vote was carried "unanimously."

Mr. Murphy asked what was the estimated value of the lot on St. Joseph Street, in rear of the new Building - in reply, the Chairman stated that it was difficult to say exactly - but he believed that if brought to the hammer it would realize \$6000.

Referring to that portion of the Report in which a new system of lectures is suggested Mr. Murphy strongly urges the necessity of our keeping strictly within our means for the future, as in their canvass for subscriptions to pay off the debt, the special committee appointed for that purpose, had great difficulty in persuading Members that this collection would be the last required for the purpose and it was universally felt that it should be the last appeal. Mr. Murphy then reported progress made by the said Committee in collections - which up to this moment amount to \$461.00 the Committee not having completed their labours, They have determined to continue



their efforts until they shall have received either a subscription or a refusal from every member of the Association.

Various questions were put by the Meeting and answered by the Chairman - after there being no further business to transact, the Meeting adjourned.

James C. Smith  
Recording Secretary.

The following is the Directors report above referred to  
"The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Board of Directors  
of the Mercantile Library Association, of Montreal;  
Submitted to the Members at the Annual General Meeting  
held on Monday evening, the 27 November 1865."  
Gentlemen,

The period for which they were elected to office having terminated, your Board beg leave to submit the following Report.

They regret to have to record that the affairs of the Association during the past twelve months have not been in a flourishing condition; the want of attraction generally, having caused a notable falling off in the attendance at the Rooms which are by no means adapted to our wants. We have had a nett loss (as will be noted under the proper head) of 37 Members, 23 of this number being Merchants. The Reading Room has been as well supplied with Journals and Magazines as formerly, but the want of space has been greatly felt. In the Library no progress has been made in replenishing the shelves, the state of our finances not permitting any outlay for this purpose; nevertheless, owing to the judicious selection of the few books added by our predecessors, the average number of books read by each member using the Library has been 15, as compared with 12, the average of the last year, when however we had a larger number of readers.



Another cause which has operated against our success, is the fact that we have been in constant financial difficulties for many years; and many old and valued members have left us, tired of the reiterated appeals of successive Boards, for subscriptions to "pay off the debt", while our expenditure being so much in excess of our income, we have on each occasion been saddled with a fresh debt of greater or less magnitude, before our old one could be cancelled by voluntary subscriptions. Again, many gentlemen contributed such sums in this way, as entitled them to Life Membership, and we have thus, from time to time, been obliged to remove from the roll of ordinary members some of the best paying members of the Association though it appears to your Board to be to the last degree injudicious to apply the subscriptions of Life Members to any other purpose, than the creation of a permanent fund, except under the pressure of absolute necessity - a necessity which we truly believe now occurs for the last time.

Board.

The Board elected at your last annual meeting was composed of the following gentlemen:-

President	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Jno Young.
Vice President	Alexander Mc Gibbon.
Corresponding Secretary	Thomas Sellar
Recording Secretary	James C. Sinton
Treasurer	G. E. Jagues Jr.

Directors

John Whennan.	Friederich A. May.
William Angus.	J. H. Botterell.
Richard Thomas	Robert G. Hector.
Lonsdale Green	James Hardman
James Stewart	Alexander A. Murphy.

Mr. Mc Gibbon declined the office of Vice President being unable to devote sufficient time to the per-



formance of the duties involved in its acceptance and Mr. Robert F. Hector, left the City early in the year. The Board was therefore reconstituted as follows:—

President	The Honble John Young.
Vice President	Alexander A. Murphy.
Corresponding Secretary	Thomas Sellar.
Recording Secretary	James C. Smitow.
Treasurer	G. E. Jaques Jr.

— Directors —

John McEwen	Fred A. May.
William Angus	J. H. Botterell.
Lonsdale Green	James Hardman.
Richard Thomas	Alexander McGibbon.
James Stewart	W. Patrick.
Honorary Members elected by the Board.	
Honble L. H. Holton	Thomas Cramp Esq.
Henry Thomas Esq.	Charles Alexander Esq.

— Reading Room. —

The Reading Room have effected a few changes in the list of British papers provided for the Room. It was learned that there were comparatively few readers of the "Manchester Guardian" and "Edinburgh Scotsman", both expensive dailies, they were therefore discontinued, and the weekly editions ordered. The weekly edition of the "Scotsman" has been regularly on file, but the Committee have been unable to procure a weekly "Guardian", and they recommend their successors to procure a weekly copy of some paper published in that important town. The saving effected by these changes has enabled the Committee to furnish the Room with the London "Saturday Review", a valuable addition to our list. An Irish Weekly of opposite politics to the one now received has also been ordered - that we may be enabled to meet the views of a large number of members. Your Board recommend to their successors to



ascertain whether it will be practicable to make such arrangements in the new Hall as will enable the Committee to keep the files of Magazines and Reviews in the Library, as there must necessarily be too much noise in the Reading Room, to permit of the Reading of periodicals of this nature, with any degree of satisfaction.

The following publications are now regularly placed on files—

#### Newspapers:—

British, The Times, Bell's Life in London, Punch, Illustrated London News, Illustrated Times, The Athenaeum, Saturday Review, Liverpool Mercury, European Times, Edinburgh Scotsman (Weekly), North British Advertiser, Glasgow Herald, Dublin Freeman's Journal, Army & Navy Gazette, United States, New York Tribune, Herald, Shipping and Commercial List, Independent, Albion, Scottish American Journal, Christian Enquirer, Scientific American, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Journal, Boston Traveller, Chicago Tribune and Portland Daily Press.

Canadian, Montreal Gazette, Herald, Telegraph Transcript, Daily Witness, True Witness, Echo, Journal of Education, Trade Review, Saint John's News, Three Rivers Enquirer, (Weekly) Quebec Chronicle, Ottawa Union, Canada Gazette, Eastern Townships Gazette, Huntingdon Journal; Canadian Clearer (Huntingdon) London Free Press, Hamilton Spectator, Saint Catharines Constitutional, Mount Forest Examiner, Toronto Globe and Leader—Kingston Chronicle—Lower Provinces, Halifax "Nova Scotian".

#### Magazines

United States—Atlantic Monthly, Hunt Merchant Magazine, Harper's New Monthly Magazine.



British Art Journal, Blackwoods' Magazine -  
London Quarterly Review - North British Review  
Edinburgh Review, Westminster Review.  
All the Year Round, Once a Week, Chambers Journal.  
We have again to express our thanks to the proprie-  
tors of the papers underlined, thus for kindly  
furnishing us with copies of their respective pub-  
lications gratis, also to the following gentlemen for  
papers regularly supplied to the Room, viz, to the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> L. H. Holton for the N. Y. Christian Inquirer  
to W. B. Cordier Esq for the London Free Press, to John  
Dougall Esq for the Portland Daily Press and to  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Lowe & Chamberlin for the Ottawa Daily Union.

### — Library. —

The amount expended by the Library Committee  
has only been the trifling sum of \$2.78, the whole  
number of volumes added during the year, being 15.  
The number of volumes issued during the year has  
been 1600 to 165 readers, against 1460 volumes to 170  
readers during the previous year.

A large number of volumes of considerable  
value for reference, but unsuited for issue to  
Members have been placed on separate shelves  
in the Committee Room, access to which is af-  
forded to Members at all times when the library  
is open. The attention of Members is particularly  
directed to these works, which have been classified  
and catalogued by our energetic Vice President, W.  
A. A. Murphy. The Library Committee report to  
your Board that frequent complaints have been  
made of the absence of the new and interesting works  
constantly issuing from the press, but we have shown  
in our opening remarks that this has been a matter  
of necessity this year. We would however earnestly  
urge on our successors the necessity of availing themselves  
of the earliest opportunity to meet the wishes of readers in this respect.



## Lectures

The operations of the Lecture Committee for the past 12 months embrace a course of 5 lectures on 'Representative Women' by the Rev Doctor Lord delivered early in March last, and a lecture by Mr George Thompson of England on the 7<sup>th</sup> of the same month. The audiences on these occasions were, as usual, select rather than large; and we have unfortunately to announce a loss incurred of \$102.33. These lectures were followed by a course of four readings by Mr George Vandenhoff commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> March, which, notwithstanding the rare attraction of an Opera Troupe were as well appreciated as to result in a nett profit of \$147.13. The same gentleman gave another course of readings commencing on the 23 October, which also yielded a profit of \$85.03. The Committee have thus been instrumental in adding the sum of \$129.61 to the funds of the Association at a time when it is greatly needed.

## Finances

Your Board on assuming office did so with the full expectation of deriving a revenue of \$1283 from subscriptions of Members for the current year - and \$100 arrears of subscription for 1864. But they regret to state that the receipts on account of the current year have only reached \$894.50, and arrears \$30. The falling off for 1865 will be fully detailed under the head of Membership.

The late Board in fixing the value of arrears at \$100 were quite satisfied that they were rather under than over the correct figure - and this after a very careful scrutiny - yet the result proves that a member who does not discharge his indebtedness during the year in which it is incurred is very likely to neglect doing so altogether, and we would respectfully suggest



that the Board be authorised to deny access to the Reading Room and Library to any Member who shall have failed to pay his subscription on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January in each year. This course will enable our successors to estimate more correctly the available income of their year of office, and it will be more than ever desirable that future Boards be careful not to authorise an expenditure on the part of the several Committees beyond the amount allotted to each. To a want of proper attention to their duty in this respect is to a great degree attributable the chronic state of embarrassment in the past.

24 Members are in arrears for 1865 whose aggregate indebtedness amounts to \$ but it is of little use attempting to calculate the value of this sum, in all likelihood it will not produce \$30.

The other items of income compare with the estimate of former Board as follows:— from Chess Club, estimate \$30 Receipts \$23 deficit \$7.00 — Sale of Newspapers Estimate \$52.10 Receipts \$46.96 (after deducting monies returned for newspapers discontinued by the present Board) deficit \$5.14. We have received \$129.64 from the Lecture Committee, all found in the estimate, and \$20 from W. A. A. Murphy being value of a prize won by him at the Lachine Regatta.

The total actual Cash expenditure of the Association during the year has been \$1623.58 the total income \$1189.07, we have therefore been under the necessity of borrowing from two members of the Board, to whom we are indebted in the sums of \$300 and \$110, respectively, and even with this assistance we have been unable to meet all our engagements. The sum of \$43 has also been received from 12 Members for their subscription to the Association for 1866, the Board having allowed the free use of the Rooms for the last quarter of the current of the current year as an inducement to new Members, who are thus secured for the coming year. Excluding the members under this head (46 in number) our numbers have fallen to 244.



Appended to the Treasurer's statement will be found a schedule of liabilities of the Association amounting to the large sum of \$ Your Board felt that it would be unwise to enter the new Building with such a debt hanging over us, and they accordingly adopted a suggestion of your President to call a meeting of the Members to consider our position. The meeting which was held at Nordheimer's Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> October was rather thinly attended, but the sum of \$310 was subscribed on the spot, and a Committee of 5 gentlemen appointed to wait on Members for their subscriptions and we have little doubt but that this old debt will be obliterated before entering the new Hall.

### — Membership. —

The number of Members retained on the Roll		
at date of the last Annual Report was	}	327
of whom, resigned and paid no subscription	81	
resigned after payment of subscription	<u>26</u>	107
there remain of last year's members		220
of whom, paid subscriptions for the year 1865		
during the financial year of 1864. Merchants	6	
Senior Clerks	3	
Junior Clerks	<u>3.12</u>	
and paid 1865 subscriptions during current year.		
Merchants	75	
Senior Clerks	96	
Junior Clerks	<u>35</u>	206
Hold Contra Accots — Merchants	4	
Senior Clerks	<u>3</u>	7
		225
deduct those who paid for 1865 and resigned	<u>26</u>	199
Number of Members who owe subscriptions for 1865.		<u>21</u>

Forward.



Number of new Members who joined in 1865	71	
Of whom paid subscriptions for 1865	22	
Owe subscriptions for 1865	3	
and are by Resolution of the Board		
liable only for subscription of 1866	46	71
		<u>71</u>
One Member who joined the Association in 1865		
resigned after payment of his subscription		1
Number who joined in 1865 carried to new year —		<u>70</u>
Mem <sup>rs</sup> of the members who joined in 1865 and are		
liable only for subscription of 1866 there		
have paid in advance (in 1865)	Merchants	3
	Senior Clerks	5
	Junior Clerks	4
		<u>12</u>

### — Recapitulation —

Number of Merchant and Clerk Members of the		
list of 1864 brought forward to 1866	220	
Members who joined in 1866 brought forward	70	290

### — Classification —

Merchants	103	
Senior Clerks	131	
Junior Clerks	56	290

### — Classes —

No classes have been held for the benefit of our Members for many years, there being no rooms adapted for the purpose. We may however refer with some satisfaction to the fact that the Mercantile Literary Society has now entered on its fourth year with unabated vigour, and we recommend the Society to the favorable consideration of those among you who may desire to acquire the faculty of public speaking, and the advantage of condensing their ideas on questions of importance, the limited time allowed to each to speak having a very good effect.

### — Chess Club. —

Comparatively few Members of your Association



have availed themselves of the privilege of joining the Chess Club, the subscription to which is only One Dollar  $\$$  annum. The Club occupies the room above the Reading Room, under the arrangement entered into with the late Board.

It may be worthy the consideration of Successors to determine whether the Members of the Association shall not hereafter enjoy all the advantages the Association can be made to afford them - without any further cost than the Annual subscription to the Institution itself.

### The new Hall.

Your Board have every reason to believe that we have passed through our severest trials, and although the progress of the Association for many years has been slow and painful, yet a little energetic action now, will no doubt place it in a position, by having the command of means, to make it of vast utility and influence in this city, and deserving the esteem of a community who have so generously aided in the erection of the new Hall. The Building Committee appointed by the subscribers to superintend the construction of the new Hall have made such progress, that your Board feel authorised in stating their belief, that it will be open to the Members of this Association on the first of May next. Subscriptions for the new Building continue to be made, and as the future success of the Association in a great measure depends on its being free from debt and of being able to make annual purchases of new Books the Board would urge on their Successors the necessity of leaving nothing undone to secure so desirable a result.

The liberality of the Merchants of Montreal who have so far aided in the construction of the Hall is a credit and honour to our city, and your



Board believe that when fairly settled in the new building, the Mercantile Library Association, will become eminently useful in facilitating mutual intercourse, in extending information upon Mercantile and other subjects of general utility, in promoting a spirit of useful enquiry, and in qualifying the young man of business to discharge with dignity the duties of his profession. In no other profession is a greater variety and volume of general knowledge more necessary than in that of the Merchant. The relations, geographical, political and commercial of other countries, as well as of his own country; the principles and the systems of political economy and finance, commercial history and commercial law; the properties of natural products and their manufacture are all intimately connected with the very details of his business, and the Mercantile Library Association may now aid in this good work with a power which it has not before possessed, in a building specially adapted to our requirements, and where the operations of the Association in all its branches can be carried on with a degree of comfort not hitherto enjoyed.

Your Board would respectfully recommend to their successors some new mode of providing Lectures for the Association, and they hope this may be accomplished in the Hall with more beneficial results to the Members, and without such imperative necessity for considering the financial result. Under this view your Board would suggest the advisability of making arrangements in the early part of the summer of each year for regular and systematic instruction by Lectures, during stated months in the winter, and on some stated day of each week, the same being open to members of the Association. These lectures might be on such subjects as the following:-  
1<sup>st</sup> The principles of Commerce including Commercial Law, Insurance, Exchange, Political Economy &c.



2<sup>d</sup> Commercial History, and Geography,  
Mining &c.

3<sup>d</sup> Natural Philosophy, including Chemistry  
and Natural History, in its Commercial application.

4<sup>th</sup> History civil and literary, Intellectual Philosophy  
Belles Lettres &c.

Your Board in these remarks merely  
desire to throw out hints, of what may be done, being  
well satisfied that in proportion as the mind is en-  
lightened, the moral beauty and harmony of awakened,  
and no young man who reads with attention, and who is  
a steady frequenter of a well provided Reading Room  
and library, but must have his taste cultivated and  
his mind improved. It is in this way that many can  
be weaned from idle and vicious pursuits.

In addition to the advantages to be derived  
from Literary and scientific lectures, statedly deli-  
vered classes might be formed for the study of the  
French, Spanish and German languages under able  
instructors, and for the study of Chemistry, to facilitate  
which the Association should possess a chemical  
apparatus.

The leisure which can be had in our  
winter season may thus if judiciously employed,  
do much to supply entirely to some, the deficiency of  
early education, and to extend to all that correct  
knowledge which is indispensable to the cultured  
Merchant.

All respectfully submitted  
Signed, John Young  
President

Montreal 27<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1865.



# Mercantile Library Association.

In accot with G. E. Jaques Jr. Treasurer

C<sup>y</sup>

By Balance on hand from last year		\$ 53.15
Cash for Annual subscriptions 1864	30.00	
Cash for Ditto do 1865	894.50	
Cash for Ditto do 1866	<u>43.00</u>	967.50
Cash for Lectures and Readings		129.61
Cash for admission to Chess Club		23.00
Cash donation from A. A. Murphy Esq		20.00
Cash for newspapers &c sold		46.96
Note due to A. A. Murphy Esq	300.00	
loan from Jas. W. Brennan Esq	<u>110.00</u>	410.00
	<u>C<sup>y</sup></u>	\$ 1650.22
To paid Jas. Brennan for Rent	495.00	
paid Taxes	54.60	
paid Salaries	495.99	
Comm <sup>s</sup> collecting subscriptions	<u>45.51</u>	541.50
paid Gas Account		78.41
paid for fuel		40.25
paid T. Riddell on a/c Newspapers &c	200.00	
paid for new Books		2.78
paid sundry small accounts		128.72
paid incidental expenses		53.80
paid discount on silver		8.20
paid postage		22.52
Balance to new year		<u>1623.58</u>
		\$ 26.64

E. O. C.

Montreal 27<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1865.

Thomas Jordan

G. E. Jaques Jr  
Treasurer  
M. L. A.



Statement showing the liabilities of the Mercantile Library Association as at 30 November 1865.

Due Montreal Herald for subscription	16.00	
for printing catalogue Report &c	73.49	89.49
Montreal Gazette subscription <sup>8.00</sup> printing <sup>3.77</sup> <sup>paid</sup>		11.77
Evening Telegraph do <sup>paid</sup> 10.00 do 2.94		12.94
Montreal Transcript, advertising <sup>paid</sup>		3.57
Daily Witness, advertising		15.00
Toronto Globe \$12.00 <sup>paid</sup> and Leader 1.00 for subscription		18.00
Hamilton Spectator "subscription"		5.00
Quebec Chronicle "subscription"		1.00
Scottish American Journal subscription		5.00
Bunt's Merchants Magazine ditto		7.50
New York Albion ditto		4.00
New York Shipping & Commercial List. <sup>paid</sup>		10.00
Lawson Rev. for Magazines &c <sup>paid</sup>		73.83
Thomas Riddell, for newspapers &c <sup>paid</sup>		92.33
R. Patton <sup>paid</sup>		12.55
R. Mitchell & Co <sup>paid</sup>		1.60
Browse and McFarlane statement <sup>paid</sup>		3.00
New City Gas Company <sup>paid</sup>		24.03
James Brennan bal. rent to 1 <sup>st</sup> Novemb <sup>r</sup> 55.00		
and rent for month of November 36.66 <sup>paid</sup>		91.66
Gill & Green <sup>paid</sup>		11.72
John C. Becket, for printing 26.50 <sup>paid</sup>		
<sup>Should be \$5.50 balance</sup> less subscription of self & son. 21.00 <sup>paid</sup>		4.00
Note granted to Mr. Arthur for damage by water <sup>paid</sup>		43.35
Note held by A. A. Murphy Esq &c. <sup>paid</sup>		300.00
Loan from John McEwen Esq Director <sup>paid</sup>		110.00
Sundries not enumerated		84.00
		<u>\$ 1040.34</u>







Annual General Meeting of the Members of  
the Mercantile Library Association for the election  
of officers and for other business, held in the Rooms  
of the Association 1 John Street on Monday evening, the  
4<sup>th</sup> December 1865 at 8 o'clock.

Present. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young Pres<sup>t</sup> in the Chair,  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> A. A. Murphy, V. Pres<sup>t</sup>, Thomas Sellar, Cor. Secy,  
Edwin Compton, Rec Secy, F. C. Jacques Jr, Treasurer, L. Greene  
James Hardman, Geo W. Lennan, James Stewart,  
Directors, and Daniel Rees, C. K. Adams, D. S. Eastwood,  
D. Reed, Alex. Empey, John Wilson, J. L. Cox, Donohue  
H. McDougall, E. Gilkins, Geo. T. Henderson, and others  
forming more than the required quorum.

The Minutes of previous General Meeting held  
on Monday 27 Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1865 were read & confirmed.

The Chairman named Mess<sup>rs</sup> Thomas Sellar  
and James Hardman to act as scrutineers.

A ballot having been ordered, the scrutineers  
declared that the following gentlemen were elected  
by a majority of those present at the meeting:—

President (unanimous)	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> John Young.
Vice President	Mr. James Compton.
Corresponding Secy	Mr. Richard Thomas.
Recording Secretary	Mr. William Patrick.
Treasurer	Mr. James Hardman.

#### Directors

Mess <sup>rs</sup> John W. Lennan (21)	Mess <sup>rs</sup> Thomas Sellar. (14)
Daniel Rees (18)	William Angus. (12)
Thomas Rimmer (17)	James Stewart. (11)
F. C. Jacques Jr (17)	H. J. Patterson. (10)
D. S. Eastwood. (15)	A. A. Murphy. (9)

#### Auditors

On motion of Mr. C. K. Adams seconded by Mr.  
D. S. Eastwood. Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. N. Matchitt and James  
Inglio were elected auditors for the ensuing year  
and the accounts of the past three years having been



audited by W. Matchitt only - W. Inglis was requested to look over the accounts of the Association for the said three years.

There being no further business introduced the meeting then adjourned.

James C. Sinton  
Recording Secretary



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile  
Library Association held on Sunday the  
11 Dec 1865.

Present, J. C. Sinton, Vice President  
in the Chair Patterson, McClellan, Murphy,  
Hardman, Jacques, Sellar, Thomas, Remmer,  
Rees and Patrick.

On the motion of Mr. Eastwood, seconded  
by Mr. Murphy, the following nominations  
of committees, made by the Vice President,  
were confirmed: viz:

Finance Committee	Reading Room Committee
Hon Geo. Young	J. Sellar
Jas Hardman	D. Rees
G. E. Jacques Jr.	J. Stewart

Library Committee	Lecture Committee
Mrs McClellan	R. Thomas
Thos Remmer	A. A. Murphy
J. Cramp	W. J. Patterson
Class Committee	
D. J. Eastwood	
J. C. Sinton	
H. Patrick	

On the motion of Mr. R. Thomas  
seconded by Mr. Murphy: Hon L Walton,  
J. Madhath, C. Alexander and J. G.  
McKenzie Esquires, were chosen as  
the four annual Honorary Directors  
of the Association

The Secretary read a letter, dated  
9 Dec 1865, from W. Angus Esq. resigning  
his office as a Director of the Association  
and on motion his resignation was  
accepted.



Thos. Cramp Esq. was elected his successor: the vote being 3 Cramp 9: 2 Clark 1.

On the motion of Mr. Sellar, seconded by Mr. Eastwood, all the newspapers taken by the Association were ordered to be sold on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1865, excepting those reserved, during the previous year.

The Vice President informed the Board that Mr. John Lovell had offered the lowest estimate of the cost of printing the Annual Report: which estimate was \$15.00 for 400 copies and \$1.50 for each subsequent publication of 100 copies.

Whereupon Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Annan, moved: That Mr. Lovell's Estimate be accepted; that the Vice President and Secretary constitute a Committee to prepare for, and attend to, the publication of the Report: that 500 Copies be published; and that a further issue of 200 copies be printed, provided the Building Committee think such further issue would be of advantage to them.

Mr. A. A. Murphy and Mr. James Harman were appointed a Committee to report to the Board the number and names of the Honorary and Life Members of the Association.

On the motion of Mr. Eastwood seconded by Mr. Lees, it was ordered: That a list of the members of



The Association be prepared and posted in the Reading Room, that the members that have paid for the current year be so marked and that the suggestion in the Annual Report respecting this matter, be acted upon and posted with the List.

The Board decided to allow a religious paper known as the "World's Crisis" to be supplied to the Reading Room, gratis.

The question, of allowing the Superintendent a commission on the subscriptions collected by him, was referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to report thereon at the ensuing meeting. The meeting then adjourned.

H. Patrick  
Secretary.



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the Mercantile  
Library Association held on Thursday January  
the 4<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Present: Hon Geo Young President, in the  
Chair, Messrs Sinton, Murphy, Jacques, Rees  
and Patrick.

The President, in behalf of the Building  
Committee, informally informed the meeting that,  
owing to the want of funds, the members  
of the committee had by a joint note  
obtained a sufficient loan to enable them  
to continue the construction of the As-  
sociation's new building, and that they  
trusted not only, to have it prepared for  
occupation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May ensuing,  
but also by a sale of a portion of the  
Building lot and by renewing their exer-  
tions to obtain subscriptions, to do so  
free of debt.

The Treasurer was instructed to  
meet Mr. A. A. Murphy's loan of \$300.00  
out of the funds in hand, from the  
"Special Subscriptions" to pay off the out-  
standing debts of the Association and  
to place Mr. Geo McLennan's donation of  
\$100.00 to his credit on the records of  
the Association and was also authorized  
to pay the following accounts after  
having been examined and countersigned  
by the Chairmen of the respective Com-  
mittees by whom they were incurred: viz:

Angus & Logan	\$5.00
British & American Ins Co	1.25
A. Riddell (Stationery)	.79
Montreal Post Office	.69



Boys wages	\$8.00
Account of 'Globe'	18.00
City Taxes (discount 50%)	\$6.25
H. B. Hamilton (2 cords wood)	12.00
D. Kiddell (balance of a/c)	\$6.48
D. Kiddell (stationery)	1.45
Hamilton Spectator	.75
Transcript (advertising)	\$6.17.10
Mitchell Cockburn & Co	1.60
Toronto Leader	6.00
The State	1.25
Lawson Bros	43.83
Gill & Green	11.42
Montreal Gazette (advertising) <sup>sub</sup>	9.05
Montreal Gazette	15.00
Evening Telegraph ( " )	29.41
Evening Telegraph (2 years sub <sup>n</sup> )	10.00
Montreal Herald (2 1/2 " )	20.00
Montreal Herald (previous a/c)	43.49
Sale & Seas	2.20
R. Patton	12.55

The Reading Room Committee reported the proceeds of the annual sale of these papers and periodicals not reserved by the Association, as \$12.15: being an increase on the preceding sale, of \$12.50.

It was moved by Mr. A. Rues and seconded by Mr. A. A. Murphy: <sup>and resolved</sup> That, the Reading Room Committee be authorized to bind the various back files of newspapers taken by the Association and also to purchase any numbers required to complete the several volumes.

The Class Committee reported the accession and designation of members



during the month of Dec as follows.

Joined

5 Merchants

11 Senior Clerks

8 Junior "

Resigned

2 Senior Clerks

1 Junior "

The meeting then adjourned

H. Patrick  
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors  
of the Mercantile Library Association held in the  
Committee Room on Monday 15 Jan'y 1866 @ 4 O'clock pm  
President, J. Clinton P.L. in the Chair.

Messrs J. M. Lennan, D. Rees, W. S. Patterson, A. A. Murphy,  
G. C. Jacques Jr, R. Thomas, T. Sellars.

Mr. Murphy on behalf of the Special Committee ap-  
pointed to procure funds to liquidate the debt of the  
Association presented the following Report:-

Report of the Committee, appointed at a Special  
Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association held in  
Nordheimer's Hall on the evening of the 24th October  
1865, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions towards  
the liquidation of the debt of the Association.

— Committee —

A. A. Murphy Chairman

James Hardman, Stapleton Caldecott, F. A. May, J. B. Middlemiss

Mr. Middlemiss was obliged to resign at an early stage  
of proceedings in consequence of other binding engagements.

Your Committee experienced great difficulty at  
the start in procuring correct list of Members of the  
Association, which after some delay was overcome.  
The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr Hardman  
for his valuable services in arranging the lists for a  
thorough canvas.

The list of subscriptions made on the evening  
of the 24th October 1865 and handed to your Committee



by the President was as follows:-

	Paid	unpaid
A. A. Murphy	100.00	
Thomas Northman	50.00	
John Turnbull		5.00
James Hardman	20.00	
Hon. John Young	10.00	
John R. Middlemiss	5.00	
Stapleton Caldecott	5.00	
James C. Linton	10.00	
John McLennan	110.00	
F. A. May.	5.00	
	315.00	\$ 5.00

Paid \$ 315.00

Unpaid 5.00

\$ 320.00

To which the following additions have been secured by your Committee.

Collected by Messrs Middlemiss & Murphy	Paid	Unpaid
Thomas Humphries		1.00
Charles Reay.	1.00	
James Leggatt	1.00	
Total \$3.00.	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.00

Collected by Messrs Hardman & Murphy		
J. T. Henderson	2.50	
Cash	1.00	
Theodore Lyman	10.00	
J. J. Barnard	1.00	
J. Jacques	1.00	
Cash	1.00	
George Childs	20.00	
John Wood	10.00	
F. W. Parker	1.00	
James Esdaile	1.00	
Robert Reddie		1.00
Cash	1.00	
J. D. Croil	1.00	
Forward —	\$ 50.50	\$ 1.00



	Paid	Unpaid
Brought forward	\$50.50.	\$1.00
Walter Roach	1.00	
P. Larmonth	1.00	
James Ewan	3.00	
Allen Brown	3.00	
George Templeton	2.00	
Charles A. Pillsbury.	2.00	
T. J. Kemp	1.00	
D. J. Eastwood	2.00	
F. C. Holmes	5.00	
L. Green	2.00	
D. T. Irish	1.00	
J. L. Morris	2.00	
J. C. Beckett	5.50	
John Dunlop	2.00	
William Hall	0.50	
P. D. Brown	2.00	
Thomas Riddell		10.00
C. Hsley	3.00	
John H. Bell	2.00	
R. L. Drake jr	2.00	
A. Johnson	1.00	
Cash (A. McE.)	5.00	
Dawson Brothers		7.25
Cash	1.00	
James M. Hall		4.00
Kenneth Campbell	5.00	
L. J. Lamontagne	1.00	
Thomas Rimmer	20.00	
Arch Ferris		2.00
Harry McLaren	4.00	
R. C. Jamieson	10.00	
Peter Brown	1.00	
W. G. Hethem	5.00	
W. S. Ellsworth	1.00	
B. French	4.00	
forward —	\$ 150.50	\$24.25



Collected by Messrs Hardman & Murphy		
Brought forward	Paid \$150.50	Unpaid \$24.25
A. A. Barlow	4.00	
James Brennan	3.20	
G. C. Langford		2.00
Total	\$183.95	\$157.70 \$26.25

Collected by Messrs Caldecott & Murphy.		
J. A. Harte	1.00	
A. A. Smith & Co	2.00	
Cash	2.00	
Cash	2.00	
J. Crompton	1.00	
J. H. Botterell	5.00	
H. Birks	3.00	
	all paid	\$16.00

Collected by Messrs Caldecott & May.		
J. W. Hartney	2.00	
Henry Mott	2.00	
J. Aderson	2.00	
G. J. Joseph	1.00	
Cash	2.00	
William Cooper	5.00	
	2.00	
E. C. S & Co	5.00	
John Baillie	5.00	
A. Force	5.00	
W. J. Arnton	2.00	
Robert M. Birks	1.00	
Norman Robertson		1.00
H. Taylor	1.00	
E. L. Tuttle	8.00	
William Angus	10.00	
	\$53.00	\$1.00
Paid	\$53.00	
Unpaid	1.00	
	\$54.00	

Recap.



## — Recapitulation —

	Paid	Unpaid
Amount subscribed at the Meeting 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1865	315.00	5.00
Amount collected by Messrs Middlemies & Murphy	2.00	1.00
Amount collected by Messrs Hardman & Murphy	157.70	26.25
Amount collected by Messrs Caldecott & Murphy	18.00	—
Amount collected by Messrs Caldecott & May	53.00	1.00
	<u>\$ 543.70</u>	<u>\$ 33.25</u>

Grand total \$ 576.95

The following is a list of the unpaid subscriptions:—

John Turnbull	5.00
Thomas Humphries	1.00
Robert Reddie	1.00
Thomas Riddell	10.00
J. W. Hall	4.00
A. Ferrie	2.00
Dawson Brothers	7.25
S. C. Langford	2.00
A. Robertson	1.00
	<u>\$ 33.25</u>

Your Committee would recommend that these names and amounts be handed to the Treasurer with instructions to enter them regularly in the Book of the Association. Your Committee were unable to call on all the Members of the Association, and with a view to affording each member an opportunity of contributing to the laudable object in view, issued a circular and mailed 50 copies to the parties not seen. They regret to record that all these circulars with one exception were entirely unnoticed. Your Committee are unsatisfied with the small result of their labours and regret that time does not permit their further prosecution. The amounts collected by them have been disposed of as follows:—

Paid Treasurer on evening of 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct 1865	\$ 210.00
" " " by James Hardman	20.00
" " " by A. A. Murphy 5 Dec 1865	205.20
Collected by the Superintendent	108.50
To be collected	33.25
	<u>\$ 576.95</u>

all which is respectfully submitted.

Montreal 15 Jan'y 1866.

Ed) A. A. Murphy  
Chairman Special Comm.



On motion of Mr. Murphy the foregoing Report was received and adopted, and ordered to be placed on file and entered in the Minutes.

Mr. Sellars, Chairman, reported that the Reading Room Committee had not yet fully enquired into the matter of binding the newspapers preserved by the Association, referred to them at last month's meeting but the Committee will be prepared to report at the monthly meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> February next.

It was suggested that the Saturday Reader should be taken by the R.R. Committee, after consideration of the subject, Mr. Murphy promised to present a copy of it to the Association.

The Chairman called attention to the fact that the Books of the Association for the past year are not yet audited, Mr. Rees agreed to assist Mr. Inglis in performing that duty, the other Auditor Mr. Hatchitt being absent from the City.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid.

Post office ac for postage in December	\$3.52
Hunt's Magazine 2 yrs subscription to, in U.S.G.	10.00
J. W. Featherston salary to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	33 3/4
Hoodley salary to	8.00
James Brennan for Rent to 1 <sup>st</sup> February	110.00
	<u>\$164.86</u>

On motion of Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Thomas it was resolved that the President be requested to notify Mr. James Brennan, that the Association will vacate the premises now occupied by us after on the first day of May next.

And the meeting adjourned.

Wm. J. Jones  
Sec Secretary pro tem



Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors  
held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1868 at 4 o'clock p.m.

Present Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young in the Chair.  
Messrs Sinton, Jagues, Murphy, Rees, Eastwood, Sellers  
and Hardman.

The minutes of meetings of 4<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January last  
were read & confirmed.

The Reading Room Committee reported that  
"Your Committee carefully examined the files  
of newspapers, which require to be bound; they are  
as follows:—

(8 volumes)	London Times	3 years
(1 volume)	Liverpool William Smith	1 year
2 volumes	Toronto Globe	2 years.
2 volumes	Toronto Leader	2 years.
2 volumes	New York Herald	2 years.
2 volumes	New York Tribune	2 years.
2 volumes	Montreal Herald	2 years.
2 volumes	Montreal Gazette	2 years.
2 Volume	New York Shipping List	2 years.
<u>21 Volumes</u>		

The above would require to be bound in twenty  
one volumes at least, the cost according to two estimates  
Messrs Parslow's and Dagg's \$2 per volume, and according  
to Mr Robert Miller's \$3.50 per volume.

In looking over the file of the Times for 1863  
we found it very incomplete.

According to the instructions, your Committee  
placed all the names of the members on a board  
in the Reading Room, which shows at a glance who  
have paid their subscription for this year. Notices  
were also posted up intimating that those who did  
not pay by the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo would be excluded from  
the Reading Room and deprived of the use of the Library.

More than half of the members have paid their subscrip-  
tions which is a marked improvement over last year.

(Signed) Thomas Sellers Chairman R.R. Form



On motion, the report was received, and the Committee were instructed to have the papers above enumerated bound on the best terms possible.

The Lecture Committee were authorised to engage Mr. Sandenpoff for a course of Reading to be given in March next.

Mr. Sinton, on behalf of the Class Committee, reported new Members to date 8 Merchant 12 Senior 11 Junior  
Members resigned to date 6 ~ 5 Senior 2 Junior  
Increase ~ 2 Merchant 7 Senior 9 Junior  
from which must be deducted several subscribers, who have become Life Members, the particulars of this class are not yet in our possession.

Mr. Rees reported that the Auditors had completed their labours, the books were ready for the new Treasurer, and their report would be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid viz

E. A. Parsons & Co	6.51
W. B. Hamilton for 2 Cord Wood	12.00
Cutting and carrying in same	1.30
European Assurance Society, Guarantee of fidelity of W. S. W. Featherston, Super.	5.00
	<u>\$ 23.81</u>

The President submitted a draft of New Bylaws for the government of the Association, which were read without discussion, and on motion of Mr. Hardman, seconded by Mr. Laques, Messrs Sinton, Rees & Eastwood, also the mover and seconder were appointed, with power to add to their number a Committee to consider the revised Bylaws as submitted by Mr. Young.

And the Meeting adjourned.

It was announced that \$16.25 had been paid in on a/c of special subscription leaving only \$17.00 outstanding.

Secretary pro tem.



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1866

Present: J. C. Sinton Esq, Vice President in the Chair, Messrs Sellar, Jacques, Thomas, Rees Hardman, Eastwood and Patrick.

The Treasurer, J. Hardman Esq presented his report of the receipts and expenditures of the Association from December 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 1866, which was received, ordered on file and reads as follows:

Dr - Receipts -

	\$	¢
To Balance from late Treasurer	26	64
" Receipts " Reading Room	39	25
" Subscriptions " Arrears 1864-5	77	00
" " " Annual 1865-6	664	50
" " " Special 1865	565	08
" " " Chess Club 1865-6	14	00
" Mercantile Library Society for Gas	8	00
	1394	47

Cr - Expenditure -

By Expense a/c, City Taxes, Gas Firewood &c	140	79
" Rent	165	00
" J. McLennan	110	00
" A. A. Murphy	200	00
" Salaries	124	00
" Riddell to Decr 31/65	88	23
" Beckett J. C.	26	80
" Postage	4	97
" Dawson Bros to Decr 31/65	72	58
" Reading Room Newspaper a/c	61	67
" Hill & Green Shelving for Ref. Lib <sup>y</sup>	11	72
" Patton - "Plumbing &c	12	55
" Commissioning Sup <sup>y</sup> for Collections	37	77
" R. Thomas Bal's Sub-owing	25	00
March 1 <sup>st</sup> Balance of Cash on hand	283	69

Montreal  
March 1866

J. Hardman  
Treasurer



R Thomas Esq. on behalf of the Lecture Committee, read a letter from Mr. Vandenhoff declining to accept the offer of the Association of half of the gross proceeds of a course of three or four Readings to be given by him under its auspices but proposing to accept \$25000 for three readings and half of the gross proceeds of these additional readings to be given during the subsequent week.

The Committee were instructed to adhere to their original offer of half the gross proceeds of a course of three or four readings.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid: viz.

Dawson Bros to June 30/66	\$ 21.53
Radell " March 31/66	41.63
A. McSibben (Broom)	.40
J. McArthur (Glass)	.25
Post Office (February)	.46
New City Gas Co. (Gas)	38.51
Anthony Rhinckelt (Removing Snow)	.50
Ann McSowan (Washing etc)	.00
Salaries. (Supt & Boy)	41.34
(2 Cordwood Cutters \$1.40)	10.40
	<u>163.52</u>

J. C. Sinton Esq., Chairman of the Committee appointed at the Monthly Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1866 to consider the new By Laws submitted by the Hon Jas Corning, President of the Association, presented the report of the Committee thereon, which on motion of Mr. R. Thomas, seconded by Mr. J. Sellar was received and the further consideration thereof postponed until the ensuing meeting.

The report was ordered in file and



reads as follows:

"Your Committee beg leave to report,  
"That they have carefully considered the  
"Bylaws referred to them."

"They respectfully suggest that the  
"appointment of Trustees is unnecessary, and  
"are of opinion that it might lead sooner  
"or later to a conflict between that body  
"and the Board of Directors of the Association  
"and the Committee consider that the  
"said Directors' acting under the Act  
"of Incorporation - (which provides for the  
"holding of Real Estate to the value of  
"one thousand pounds currency per annum)  
"would be a sufficient guarantee to  
"the subscribers and to the public that  
"the property could not be alienated  
"from the purposes intended."

"Your Committee see no objection to the  
"granting of the privileges of the Association  
"to Ladies, in so far as the Library  
"is concerned, the annual subscription  
"in their case not to exceed three dollars  
"per annum. Should any considerable  
"number of ladies avail themselves  
"of the use of the Library, undexpressing  
"a desire to have a room set apart  
"for their own exclusive use, we have  
"no doubt the Board will give the  
"matter their careful consideration and  
"grant every facility the Association  
"may be in a position to afford."

"Your Committee are further of  
"opinion, that the system of conducting  
"the financial affairs of the Association  
"is by no means such as it should be



"but while we are aware that considerable  
"changes will be necessary in the working  
"of our Institution after we enter into  
"the possession of the new building, we  
"think it would be wise to wait until  
"the necessary changes are suggested by  
"experience and with a view to future  
"action on this subject we would re-  
"spectfully recommend that the Bylaws  
"which we have had under consideration  
"be carefully preserved, as they embody  
"many views which are cordially approved  
"of by all the members of your Committee."  
"It may not be altogether out of  
"place to observe that Mr Hardman,  
"Treasurer of the Association is carefully  
"reducing the financial affairs of  
"the Association to a system."

"The whole respectfully submitted

"James C. Sinton Chairman

"J. Hardman

"G. E. Jacques

"D. J. Eastwood"

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The meeting then adjourned.

W. Patrick

Secretary



15<sup>th</sup> March 1866.

A special Meeting of the Board of Directors was held this evening. Present Hon Mrs Young, President, Messrs J. McEwan & E. Jaques, J. Sellar, J. Stewart and R. Thomas.

In the absence of Mr. Sutton, Vice President, who was obliged to leave the City on military duty, a letter addressed to him was opened by the President: it was from the Recording Secretary Mr. Patrick stating that he could not attend the Meeting and requesting Mr. Sutton to act for him. Mr. R. Thomas was then requested to act as Secretary.

The object of the Meeting was to further consider the suggestions made by the President on the subject of amending our Constitution and Bye-Laws in view of our taking possession of the new Building and the Report of the sub-committee thereon.

The Report of the Committee was read and the resolution passed on it at the last Meeting of the Board.

The President then read the proposed Constitution and Bye-Laws which he said were proposed after a careful perusal of the Constitutions and Bye-Laws of some of the most successfully conducted institutions in the old-country.

He stated that no one outside of the Board had been consulted and that his sole object was to frame such a Constitution and Bye-Laws as would place the greatest possible



control over the Institution in the hands of its members and at the same time give satisfaction and confidence to the subscribers.

After a careful reading of the proposed amendments by the President and a lengthy explanation in which most of the members present seemed to take great interest, final action was postponed in deference to some of the signers of the Report who were unavoidably absent - until Monday afternoon the 19<sup>th</sup> inst at 4 o'clock.

R. Thomas  
Secy Pro Tem.







Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held in the Committee Room on Wednesday evening the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1866 at 8 P.M.

Present Hon. John Young President in the Chair: Messrs J. C. Sinton, J. Hardman, A. Thomas, W. Lees, A. A. Murphy, J. G. Leman, J. E. Sagues, J. Rimmer, J. Stewart and W. Patrick.

The President informed the Board that it had been convened to further consider the Report of the Special Committee appointed to report on the proposed new Bye-Laws:-- in accordance with that object the Secretary read the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting and also of the Special Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

The President stated that he had consulted Mr. Robinson, Advocate, respecting the Board of Trustees proposed in the new Bye-Laws, and that that gentleman had expressed it as his opinion that the creation of such a Body was not necessary to secure the transference of the new Building from the subscribers to the Association.

After a prolonged discussion it was moved by Mr. J. C. Sinton, and seconded by Mr. A. A. Murphy: That the Report of the Committee to whom the proposed Bye-Laws were referred be adopted, and that the old Bye-Laws



be referred to a Committee of five, to report on the same; and to frame such new Bye-Laws as may be requisite to render the management of the finances of the Association more satisfactory.

An amendment to which, it was moved by Mr R. Thomas and seconded by Mr V. Stewart: That the Bye-Laws submitted by Mr Young be committed to a sub-committee of five to make such amendments or additions as a comparison with our old Bye-Laws may suggest - and report such at the next meeting of the Board.

Whereupon the amendment was put to the Meeting and carried: - the vote being Affirmative ~~six~~ 6 viz Messrs Thomas, Stewart, Rees, Sumner, McLennan and the President: negative five: viz: Messrs Murphy, Linton, Harriman, Jaques and Patrick.

It was moved by Mr R. Thomas, seconded by Mr J. McLennan and carried: That the Committee of five appointed in the Amendment consist of the Hon Geo Young Resident, J. C. Linton Vice President, J. McLennan, Chairman of the Building Committee, R. Thomas, the Mover and J. Stewart, the Second.

Mr Linton declined to serve on the ground that as a minority of one he would serve without avail but on the withdrawal of Mr J. Stewart to allow of the substitution in his stead



of Mr. D. J. Eastwood, Mr. Sinton consented to act.

It was moved by Mr J. C. Sinton seconded by Mr J. Zimmer and unanimously carried. That the Vice President be hereby authorized to ascertain from Mr Freeman on what terms he will lease the Rooms now occupied by the Association - either for twelve months or by the month - should we require them after the first day of may next.

The Meeting then adjourned.  
W. Patrick  
Secretary.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of the Mercantile Library Association held in the Committee Room on Saturday evening, the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1866.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting were read and confirmed.

Present: Hon Bro. Goring President - in the Chair, Messrs, J. C. Sinton, J. Zimmer, J. McLeiman, J. E. Jaques, J. Stewart, A. Bellamy, R. Thomas, W. J. Patterson, A. J. Rice, J. Hareman, A. J. Eastwood, J. Sellar & W. Patrick.

In conformity with the Resolution of the Board, at its Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1866, That the Bye-Laws submitted by Mr Goring be recommended to a sub-committee of five to make such amendments or additions as a comparison with our old Bye-Laws



'may suggest - and report such at the  
'next Meeting of the Board', the President  
as Chairman of the sub-committee pre-  
sented and read the subjoined amended  
Bye-Laws:

Mr J. C. Sinton on behalf of the



minority of the same sub-committee read a Minority Report.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr J. McLenman and seconded by Mr J. Stewart: That the amended By-Laws be now recommended and a copy of the same be put up in the Rooms of the Association in conformity with the Constitution and that a General Meeting of the Association be called to consider the same on the 28<sup>th</sup> April next.

An amendment thereto it was moved by Mr J. C. Sinton and seconded by Mr J. Hardman: That this Board agree to recommend that the amendments mentioned in the Minority Report, be made to the By-Laws of the Association - such amendments to be submitted to a General Meeting of the Association not later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April next.

The amendment was lost by a vote of Yeas 5: to Nays 4: Yeas Messrs E. E. Jaques, J. Hardman, J. C. Sinton, A. A. Murphy, and W. Patrick: Nays Messrs J. Stewart, J. Rimmer, J. McLenman, J. Sellar, R. Thomas, D. J. Rees, and D. J. Eastwood.

The original motion was carried, the division being the same and reversed.

It was moved by Mr J. Sellar, seconded by Mr J. Rimmer and carried on the same division and vote as that on the preceding motion: That



the Secretary transmit to the Chairman of the Building Fund a copy of the Bye-Laws as recommended by this Board, requesting that a list of the names of those subscribers to the New Building, who have by their subscriptions of one hundred dollars become entitled to the privileges of life Members: also suggesting the desirability of adopting such measures as may be necessary for the legal transfer of the New Building from the present Trustees to the Association.

It was moved by Mr D. J. Eastwood seconded by Mr A. A. Murphy and carried: That Mr A. A. Murphy be relieved of his duties as compiler of the names of the Life-Members of the Association, so far as new Life-memberships are concerned.

On the motion of Mr R. Thomas, seconded by Mr D. J. New, it was resolved: That the President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary be authorised to procure and submit at the next meeting forms of Members Tickets for ladies and gentlemen.

The Meeting then adjourned  
W. Patrick  
Recording Secy.



Minutes of a Special Meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the Mercantile  
Library Association held in the Committee  
Room on Thursday evening the 29<sup>th</sup> March  
at 8 P.M.

Present, Hon Mrs Young, President - in  
the Chair Messrs J. C. Sinton, J. Hardman,  
J. Sellar, R. Thomas, A. A. Murphy, A. S. Rice,  
A. S. Eastwood, J. Stewart and W. Patnick.

The Minutes of the preceding Meeting  
were read and confirmed.

A communication from J. M. Leman  
Esq, Chairman of the Building Fund  
Committee was read by the President,  
in which the writer acknowledged  
the receipt of the Recording Secretary's  
letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> March, and informed  
the Board, that the information  
desired, respecting a list of the  
names of those who in virtue of  
their subscriptions of one hundred  
dollars to the New Building Fund,  
were entitled to life memberships, would  
be supplied as soon as ~~convenient~~  
ascertained and stated that it was  
confidently expected that the New  
Building would be ready for  
occupation on the 1<sup>st</sup> May next. -  
the receipt of which the Secretary  
was instructed to acknowledge.

The President informed the  
Meeting that it had been convened  
for the purpose of making such  
arrangements as it might deem  
fit, respecting the Installation of  
the Association in its New Building.



Whereupon it was moved by Mr. C. Linton, seconded by Mr. W. Patrick and carried: That the President, Mr. J. Primer, Mr. J. McLeiman, Mr. R. Thomas and Mr. W. J. Patterson be a committee to arrange for the opening of our new Building - to report to the Board at their earliest convenience.

At the request of the Board the name of Mr. J. C. Linton was substituted for that of Mr. W. J. Patterson.

It was moved by Mr. J. Sellar and seconded by Mr. R. Thomas and carried: That the Reading Room Committee be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board as to what additional papers and other publications should be added to the Reading Room and suggest such other improvements as they may desire.

The Meeting then adjourned  
W. Patrick  
Rec. Secretary.



Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
of the Board of the Mercantile  
Library Association held on  
Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> April, 1866.

Present, the Honble J. Young, Mr. Selman,  
Stewart, Rees, Jacques, & Sellar.

J. Sellar in absence of the Recording Secretary,  
was appointed to take his place, pro tem.  
The Minutes of Meetings held on, 6<sup>th</sup>  
March, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March last  
were read and approved of.

Letters of apology for being absent were  
read, from Messrs Binton & Murphy.  
Also from Mr W. J. Patterson, resigning  
as member of the Board, and from Mr W.  
Patrick, resigning office of Recording Secretary.  
The last two letters were left over for  
consideration at next meeting.

The following statements was read:  
Statements of Receipts and Expenditure  
for the month of March 1866.  
Balances on hand March 1<sup>st</sup> \$283.69.  
Receipts.

Subscriptions Annual, \$80.

Do                      Access                      2

Chess Club                      5

Special Subscriptions                      17                      104.00  
387.69

Expenditure

Expenses                      /                      \$18.85

Thos Riddell                      41.63

Postages                      60

Safes                      41.33

Commissions                      4.35                      106.76

Balances on hand April 1<sup>st</sup> 1866 \$280.93

(Signed) James Hardman  
Treasurer M.L.A.



The following accounts were passed, as correct, and Treasurer authorized to pay viz.

New York Shipping & Com <sup>y</sup> List (U.S. funds)	\$11.
Thos. Riddell, for statk pens	00.50
Seader, Toronto for 66	6.00
Post Office accounts for Subs	00.60
Salaries	41.33
Rents to 1 <sup>st</sup> May	110.00
	<u>\$ 169.43</u>

The following Report was read by the President:

The Undersigned beg to submit the following Report on the additional Newspapers and periodicals, which, in our opinion, are necessary to be obtained for the Reading Room in the New Building of the Association.

The whole number of Newspapers now subscribed for, or obtained gratis, is 51, and 42 Periodicals. By the lists herewith we have increased the Newspapers to 91, and the Periodicals to 31. We think it important, that on taking possession of the New Building, the Reading Room should at once be made the best and most attractive in the city; and that the increased expense of doing so, will be more than met by the increase of new members.

We recommend, that the following Periodicals and Newspapers should be carefully preserved, and bound at the end of every year:

Hunt's Magazine.  
Bankers do



All the Quarterlies  
Chamber's Journal  
Once a week  
Musical World  
Arts Journal  
Cornhill Magazine  
Fraser's do  
London Society  
Notes & Queries  
Temple Bar  
National Review  
All Almanacs  
Tribune, New York  
Herald do  
Times London  
Star do  
Economist do  
Hampden R.R. Journal do  
Saturday Review do  
Market Lane Express do  
Punch do  
Gazette Montreal  
Herald do  
Globe Toronto  
Leader do

These papers and periodicals will  
be a valuable addition, annually to  
the Library, as a history of the period, and  
for reference.

We would suggest that, with the view  
of making the new Rooms more attractive  
to members, the same telegraphic reports  
of Markets, news &c. as are now obtained  
by the Corn Exchange should be secured,  
and that arrangements should also be  
made for the purpose of obtaining the  
receipts of produce to Canada, and



Grand Trunk Railway, as well as  
the arrivals of vessels in the ports of  
Montreal, and Quebec, and if a  
similar plan of the Harbour, as that  
which is now in the Corn Exchange,  
could be obtained, the locations of  
each vessel, in the Harbour, and her name  
could be tacked on to it.

In conclusion we would recommend  
that no time should now be lost  
in obtaining the New Periodicals and  
Newspapers from England.

All respectfully Submitted  
Montreal, 2<sup>d</sup> April, 1866.  
(Signed) John Young  
J. Stewart  
D. J. Rees  
Thos. Sellar

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(Those marked with cross are already taken)

### Maritime Provinces.

Halifax	Nova Scotians	+
St John's	N. Brunswick News	
St John's	Newfoundland. Courier	
Prince	Edwards Island. Standard	

### Periodicals

Athenaeum	London	+
All the Year Round	"	+
Chambers Journal	"	+
Open a week	"	+
Musical World	"	
Art Journal	"	+
Banker's Magazine	"	
Blackwoods	do	+



Cornhill Magazine, London  
 Eclectic Review  
 Englishwoman's Journal  
 Fraser's Magazine  
 London Society  
 Notes & Queries  
 Temple Bar  
 St. James Magazine  
 British Workman  
 Family Herald  
 Good Words  
 Sunday Magazine  
 Gooden's Ladies Book U.S.  
~~Am~~ Phonological Journals, New York

Quaterlies &  
 London Quarterly Review +  
 North British " +  
 Edinburgh " +  
 Westminster " +  
 Journal of Agriculture & Transactions of  
 the Highland & Agricultural Society of Scotland  
 National Review - London  
 Oliver & Boyd's Almanac, Edinburgh  
 Year Book of Facts  
 Directories of New York, Boston, Toronto,  
 Hamilton, London, Quebec, Ottawa &  
 Monkeats +

### United States Papers

Milwaukee  
 St Louis Missouri Republican  
 Chicago Tribune +  
 New Orleans Picayune  
 Richmond Enquirer  
 Buffalo Commercial Enquirer & Advertiser  
 Detroit Free Press



Keno Times, Penn. (Free)  
 Oswego Times & Advertiser  
 Nor Wester Red River,

## Canadian

✓	Montreal	Gazette - 2 copies		+
✓	"	Herald do		+
✓	"	Telegraphs 1. Copy		+
✓	"	Manuscripts do		+
✓	"	Daily Witness		+
✓	"	Mimewes		
✓	"	Le Pays		
✓	"	Nationales		
✓	"	True Witness	(Free)	+
✓	"	Echo	"	+
✓	"	Journal of Education	"	+
✓	"	Trade Review	"	+
✓	St. John's	News	"	+
✓	Three Rivers	Enquirer	"	+
✓	Quebec	Chronicle		+
✓	Ottawa	Times (daily)		
✓	Kingston	News	"	
✓	Canada	Gazette	(Free)	+
✓	Eastern	Brownship's Gazette	"	+
✓	Huntington	Journal	"	+
✓	"	Gleaner	"	+
✓	London	Free Press (daily)		
✓	Hamilton	Times	"	
✓	"	Spectator	"	+
✓	Toronto	Globe	(2 copies)	+
✓	"	Leader	do	+
✓	St. Catharines	Constitutional	(Free)	+
✓	Mount Forest	Examiner	"	+
✓	Oil Springs	Chronicle		
	<del>Keno Times</del>			



# English, Scotch, Irish

✓ Times, London	+
✓ Bell's Life	+
✓ Illustrated News	+
✓ " Times "	+
✓ Punch	+
✓ Athenaeum	+
✓ Saturday Review	+
✓ Liverpool Mercury	
✓ European Times	+
✓ Edinburgh Scotsman (change to Semi Weekly)	+
✓ North British Advertiser Edinburgh (free)	+
✓ Glasgow Herald	+
✓ Dublin Freeman's Journal	+
✓ Army & Navy Gazette	+
✓ Ladies Journal Edinburgh	
✓ Inverness Courier	
✓ London Daily News	
✓ " Telegraphs	
✓ " Star	
✓ " Pall Mall Gazette	
✓ " Economist	
✓ " Examiner	
✓ " Sun	
✓ " Hampshire & R R Journal	
✓ " Review	
✓ " Mark Lane Express	
✓ " Spectator	
✓ " Weekly Despatch	
✓ Manchester Guardian (Semi Weekly)	
✓ Glasgow Herald Citizen	
✓ Dublin Express	
✓ " Tablet	
✓ Belfast Northern Whig	
United States contd.	
✓ New York Tribune	+



New York	Herald	+
"	Journal of Commerce	
"	Times	
"	Shipping & Com. List (Semi W)	+
"	Independents	+
"	Scottish American Journal	+
"	Abion	+
"	Christian Enquirer (Free)	+
"	Frank Leslie's Journal	+
"	Rounds Table	
Boston	Every Saturday	
"	Post	
"	Traveller	+
Washington	Intelligencer	
Cincinnati	Gazette	
Boston	Worlds Crisis	x

On motion of J. Sellar seconded by Jas Stewart, the above report was received and in amendment to its being adopted Mr McSethman moved seconded by Mr Jacques that the Musical World, Goodwin's Book, Englishman's Journal, Ladies Journal, Star, Telegraph, Examiner, Fun, Herpeth's Journal, London Review, Weekly Dispatch, & Dublin Tablet, be not added at present. For the amendment the Yeas <sup>were</sup> Messrs McSethman, Jacques & Rees Nays Sellar & Stewart.

The Chairmans of the Reading Committee was instructed to order the British publications approved of at once.

The meeting then adjourned  
 J. Sellar  
 Secretary pro tem



Minutes of a Special Meeting  
of the Mercantile Library Association  
held April 9, 1866.

Present the Honble J. Young, Messrs  
Sinton, Hardman, <sup>Jaques</sup> Eastwood, <sup>Stewart</sup>, Sellar,  
The Minutes of last Meeting were read.  
The President stated that the plans for the  
books etc. had been submitted by the architects  
and approved of by the Building Committee.  
The letters of resignations from Messrs  
Patrick & Patterson, were again read,  
and on motion of Mr Eastwood, seconded  
by Mr Stewart, were accepted.  
After some conversations as to filling the  
vacant places, the elections were postponed  
till the Special Meeting on Monday next.  
The Meeting then adjourned.

J. Sellar,  
Secy pro tem

Minutes of a special meeting of the Mercantile  
Library Association held April 16<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Present J. Sinton Vice President in the chair  
Messrs. Wherman, Rimmer, Murphy, Sellar, Thomas  
Jaques, the latter acted as secretary.  
A ballot was taken to fill the vacancy caused  
by the resignation of Mr Patterson and resulted in  
the election of Mr Theodore Lyman. Another  
ballot was taken to fill Mr Patrick's place as  
secretary and Mr. A. W. Trenholm was elected.  
Mr Sinton reported that the committee had met  
a committee of the Art Association about the  
leasing of the picture room in the new building.  
Mr Wherman moved seconded by Mr Thomas  
that Mr Sinton be authorised to let the picture  
room in the new building to the Art Association.



for three years at a rent of three hundred  
dollars for ground and assessments, including the  
heating <sup>of the room when necessary</sup> but not to include the lighting. Carried  
On motion of Mr Thomas seconded by Mr  
McKinnan "Mr Sinton was authorized to  
rent the large room in the third flat in the  
new building for religious worship on Sundays  
at a rent of two hundred dollars for annum  
and assessments including heating. Carried  
J. J. Rogers Jr  
Secretary Protem.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library  
Association held in the committee room  
of the Association, Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1866 <sup>at 4 P.M.</sup>  
Present: The Hon Geo Young President, in  
the chair: Messrs Kemmer, Mr Lerman  
Sinton, Sellar, Murphy, Thomas, Jacques  
~~Franklin~~ Rees & Stewart & Frenchline,  
Mr Sinton reported verbally with regard  
to the lease of picture room in the New  
Building to the Art Association, & of the  
large room in the third flat to the Unitarian  
church, & stated that in ac-  
=cordance with the resolutions of the Board  
of Directors Association passed at the  
last meeting, he had made an offer in  
writing for the lease of the two rooms to the  
proper parties but as yet had received  
no official communication from them.  
Mr Thomas on behalf of the Lecture  
Committee read the following report:  
"The Lecture Committee beg leave to submit  
herewith a statement of the result of



furnished me with your name, and I beg you will excuse  
the liberty I take in addressing you upon the following  
subject: Pursuant to a Public Notice in our newspaper,  
a meeting of Young Men & others interested in the formation  
of an association for the promotion & diffusion of Commercial  
Knowledge, was held on the Evg of the 27<sup>th</sup> ult, at which  
I presided. A Committee was then appointed to prepare  
a Constitution for proposed Association, at whose request  
I wrote for & obtained from the M. L. A. of New York  
a copy of their By-Laws, History &c. and learning  
that you uniformly looked with much interest upon the  
establishment of such Societies, I am induced to defer our  
next meeting until I have the pleasure of hearing from you.  
Thinking it probable that you may be able to give me some  
hints upon the best mode of procedure. I am a young man  
but in business on my own ac<sup>t</sup> & know full well the  
advantages that would accrue to the Merchants & others  
if such an Association could be properly set to work - but from  
there never having been anything of the kind here, there is a  
consequent want of taste & interest for such matters, & I know that  
it will be uphill work for some time to come. I notice that the Clerk have  
the sole management of the M. L. A. of N. Y. & that Merchants are not allowed  
to be ~~any~~ <sup>some</sup> members - This principle I entirely agree with, but am  
doubtful <sup>some</sup> how it may suit here. Can you tell me if similar Societies  
in Great Britain are conducted on this plan. At present we have  
in Town a Mess<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Vattimore who is likely to succeed in forming  
a Public Library - and concentrate all Libraries in the City into one.  
In this case I presume that we might not require a Library but only a Reading  
& Lecture Room, the former for the periodicals & literature of the day. If there is anything  
you can suggest that you may think useful - I shall feel much obliged.

Please address

Believe me to be, Sir, Yours respectfully,

John Young

John Young

Messrs Stephens Young & Co. Montreal. See appendix Post.

It was ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> motion by Mr L. Elliott, seconded  
by Mr East would be ~~carried~~ <sup>that the By-Laws</sup>  
recommended for adoption by the Board of Directors  
was ~~received~~ <sup>carried</sup>.



It was then moved by Mr Lyman,  
seconded by Mr Patrick: That the consideration  
of the By-Laws be postponed until Monday  
the 30<sup>th</sup> April, at 8. P.M. Carried.

This meeting then adjourned

W. W. Trenholme,  
Rec. Secretary

Minutes of Special General  
Meeting of the Association held in the  
Committee Rooms of the Association -  
Saint John Street, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1866  
at 8 P.M.

Present the Hon Geo Young President  
in the chair: Messrs Kimmner, Sellar,  
Thomas, Jaynes, Lyman, Hardman,  
Patrick, Barton, Gethins, Caldwell, Nolan  
McArthur, Campar, Dutton, Ramsey, Binks  
McDougall, Sawtel & Jaynes, C. A. Jaynes,  
J. F. Jaynes, Adams, Woodley, Graham, W.,  
Middlemiss, Eastwood, Stewart, Trenholme.

Proceedings

The President announced that the meeting  
was an adjourned meeting called to  
consider the By-Laws recommended for  
adoption by the Board of Directors instead  
of the existing By-Laws.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr Kimmner  
seconded by Mr Thomas That the By-Laws  
recommended for adoption by the Board  
of Directors be adopted subject to revision in detail.

Moved in amendment by Mr G. E.  
Jaynes; seconded by Mr Middlemiss  
That the By-Laws <sup>recommended</sup> recommended by Mr  
Stilton be adopted to the existing By-Laws  
be adopted <sup>subject to revision in detail</sup>. After a discussion by the President  
Mr Hardman, Eastwood, Thomas, Adams



Burton, Caldicatt, Vinton, Pirrimer.  
The amendments proposed by Mr. Jaynes  
seconded by Mr. <sup>W. H. Allen</sup> Hardman were put  
& carried on the following vote:  
Yeas, G. E. Jaynes, Middlemiss, Hardman,  
Burton, Sacot, J. F. Jaynes, C. A. Jaynes,  
McNarg, Sutton, W. D. Angall, Petrick,  
Sinton, Caldicatt, Gethins, Cameron,  
Clark, Thornhalme, ~~Sacot~~ <sup>Allen</sup>: 18  
Nays: Messrs.ollar, Pirrimer, Thomas,  
Eastwood, Adams, Binks, ~~Anglis~~, Stewart

It was then moved by Mr. Thomas,  
seconded by Mr. Caldicatt, that this meeting  
adjourn till tomorrow night for the con-  
sideration of the Bz-Laws. Lost.

Moved by Mr. oller, seconded by  
Adams that this meeting adjourn  
till Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Carried -  
W. W. Thornhalme

Rec. Secy.

Appendix to Minutes of the Special General Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup>  
of April 1846. Memorandum to Letter there inserted.

Can<sup>a</sup> June 5/40 Rec<sup>d</sup> & answered same  
day. Said "go ahead" - manage your own Library & suffer  
no patrons to kill it - you are (the clerk) competent to manage  
it as the clerks have in Boston, N. York, Phil. & Baltimore.  
Mentioned my endeavor in London, in 1839. - the clerk of "  
in Liverpool is choked by patrons - have no connection with  
any other institution - asked to have one more letter &  
now & then a newspaper. referred to the Mechanical  
Society in Liverpool. Sent them the 1<sup>st</sup> report of the Baltimore  
black ap<sup>n</sup>

Resolutions passed at the meeting referred to  
in the above letter of Mr. Young.

Moved by Mr. Bachman, seconded by  
Mr. A. Deo Vass that a Committee of six be  
named for the purpose of making choice of



of an appropriate name for the association,  
drawing up a Constitution for the same as well  
as to make all preliminary arrangements  
connected therewith.

Moved by Mr Jas H Bull seconded by Mr  
Boekman That Mr Jno Young Mr R Maunaught, Mr  
James Dougall, Mr F Haskett, Mr Aulman, & Mr  
Buchanan do compose said Committee.

Moved by Mr Aulman, & seconded by  
Mr J Lyman, That the meeting be now adjourned  
until a subsequent meeting be convened by the  
Society by public notice in the newspapers, for  
the purpose of receiving the report of said Committee.

Moved by D Vass seconded by Mr Mc  
Naught That the thanks of this meeting  
be given to Mr Young for his able conduct in  
the chair.

— Dougall Secy.

Letter from the Rev D Wilkes with regard  
to the Lectures delivered by him before the A.S.  
Montreal 10<sup>th</sup> April 1866

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Young

My Dear Sir:

Looking over my MSS  
according to my promise to you on Friday last  
I find my first lecture was delivered 22 Nov. 1841  
was not an opening one. July 4. 1843 On  
the opening of "the new Rooms" I delivered one on the  
advantages of a Mercantile Est.: & the duty of the  
Commercial Community to aid in its support.  
It was printed in extenso in the Montreal Herald  
of July 18<sup>th</sup> 1843. April 15<sup>th</sup> 1847 I delivered  
"The Concluding Lecture of the Winter Course."  
and November 16. 1848 One introductory to  
the Winter Course on "Freedom of Mind".  
On this occasion Lord Elgin, who with Belmont  
Bruce



Colonel Bruce & some others of that class were present, delivered an address after nine. Both were printed in a 12mo pamphlet at the Herald office which was sold at 1/2¢ each.

I delivered a number of other lectures before the Association on various subjects, but the above were only opening & closing ones.

Believe me,

Yours Very Truly

(Signed)

Hubert W. Miller

For other original documents see Records of the Association.

The President also presented the following statement of the financial position of the Association at the present time.

Cost of Lot	\$14,000, paid \$4,000.	\$10,000
Less amount of lot sold		<u>8,320</u>
Still due on land		16,800
Contracts for Building		<u>17,835</u>
		<u>\$195,150</u>

Amounts paid to contractors	15,182	
Subscriptions yet due & good	12,000	
due by City	<u>2,150</u>	<u>\$18,532</u>
		983

Due to Mr. Kimmer	\$1,000	
" to Mr. McLeannan	\$1,000	
" to Mr. Redpath	\$1,000	
" to Mr. Joseph	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
		<u>\$4,983</u>

Estimate for mantle pieces		
Grates, Tables, Paper Stands,		
Bookshelves, Gas, Lamps, etc.		<u>\$14,000</u>
Balance due		<u>\$6,383</u>



Minutes of a Special Meeting of  
The Board of Direction held in the Committee  
Rooms of the Association at John Street May  
1<sup>st</sup> 1866 at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs McLennan, Kimmer,  
Murphy Thomas Jaynes, Rees, Frankelme,  
Mr McLennan in the chair:

A communication was read from  
the Hon. Jno Young tendering his Resignation  
as Pres. of the Association & member of the Board  
of Direction.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr Kimmer  
seconded by Mr G.E. Jaynes Jr That Mr Young  
be informed that his Resignation is received  
with regret, & that he be requested to with-  
draw the same till after the General Meeting  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> May in the hope that the By-Laws  
then adopted will prove satisfactory to him.  
Carried. - Was Messrs Kimmer, McLennan  
Thomas, Jaynes, Rees, Frankelme, Murphy,  
being a unanimous vote.

Communications were also received  
from Messrs Sellar, & Steuart tendering their  
resignation as members of the Board. -

Moved by Mr Kimmer seconded  
by Mr Thomas that the consideration of the  
letters of Resignation of Messrs Sellar, & Steuart  
be deferred for the present. Carried.

Moved by Mr G.E. Jaynes seconded  
by Mr Kimmer that the By-Laws as amended  
by Mr Sinton with Mr Sinton's amendments  
be printed for distribution at the next General  
Meeting. Carried.

The Meeting then adjourned

W Frankelme

Sec. Secretary



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the  
Board of Direction of the M. S. A. held in the  
Room of the Association Bonaventur Street  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1866 at 5 P.M.

Present Messrs W. L. Leman, P. L. Leman,  
H. L. Leman, J. L. Leman, J. L. Leman & J. L. Leman  
Mr W. L. Leman in the chair:

The Minutes of the last monthly  
Meeting were read & approved.  
A letter was read from the Hon. J. L. Leman  
quitting with drawing his resignation  
as President of the Association & Member  
of the Board.

The Treasurer's Statement of Receipts &  
Expenditure for the month ending May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866  
was then read: also a similar statement  
for the six months ending 1<sup>st</sup> May '66 & the  
accompanying report.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr  
J. L. Leman & seconded by Mr L. L. Leman  
that the Treasurer's Statement & Report be  
received & carried.

It was then moved by Mr L. L. Leman,  
seconded by Mr L. L. Leman that the small  
Room on the first floor be let to Mr  
L. L. Leman at a rental of one hundred  
dollars including taxes, assessments, heating  
& lighting, carried - Mr Thomas dissenting.

Moved by Mr L. L. Leman seconded by  
Mr L. L. Leman that the Treasurer be authorized  
to renew the Insurance on the Library  
& furniture for the full value: and that  
he consult the President as to the proper  
amount at which to fix the policy for the  
Building & Furniture. carried.

Action was again deferred on  
Mr L. L. Leman's & Mr L. L. Leman's resignations  
The meeting then adjourned  
H. W. L. Leman Secy



Minutes of a Special Meeting of  
The Board of Direction held in the Committee  
Rooms of the Association at John Street May  
1<sup>st</sup> 1866 at 8 P.M.

Present: Messrs McLennan, Kimmer,  
Murphy Thomas Jaynes, Rees, Frankham,  
Mr McLennan in the chair.

A communication was read from  
the Hon. Jno Young tendering his Resignation  
as Pres. of the Association & member of the Board  
of Direction.

Whereupon it was moved by Mr Kimmer  
seconded by Mr G.E. Jaynes Jr That Mr Young  
be informed that his Resignation is received  
with regret, & that he be requested to with-  
draw the same till after the General Meeting  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> May in the hope that the By-Laws  
then adopted will prove satisfactory to him.  
Carried. - Was Messrs Kimmer, McLennan  
Thomas, Jaynes, Rees, Frankham, Murphy,  
being a unanimous vote.

Communications were also received  
from Messrs Sellar & Stesant tendering their  
resignation as members of the Board. -

Moved by Mr Kimmer seconded  
by Mr Thomas that the consideration of the  
letters of Resignation of Messrs Sellar, Stesant  
be deferred for the present. Carried.

Moved by Mr G.E. Jaynes seconded  
by Mr Kimmer that the By-Laws as amended  
by Mr Sinton with Mr Sinton's amendments  
be printed for distribution at the next General  
Meeting. Carried.

The Meeting then adjourned

W Frankham

Sec. Secretary



*Mercantile Library*  
*Statement of Receipts & Expenditure*

*Dr* - Receipts *Cr*

To Balance from late Treasurer.	26.64
" Errors in a/c's so short credited	8.30
" Annual Subscriptions paid	811.30
" Arrears of Subscriptions for 1865 paid	79.~
" Mercantile Library Society paid	8.~
" from clubs	19.~
" Reading Room Sales of Papers	36.20
" Dawson Brothers W & C charges	1.25
" Special Subscriptions	577.08
" Lecture of Vandenhoff	62.74

May 1/66 Balance on hand 131.65  
 Subscriptions yet due 210.00 Good  
*Dr* - 76.00 Doubtful.  
 Total available means, \$417.65

\$1629.71

May 1/66 Accounts passed by  
 Board for payment yet unpaid 233.29  
 Estimated cost of moving 15.00  
 Balance available for future  
 expenditure from this date } 169.36  
\$417.65



Association Montreal  
from Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1865 to May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Expenditures	\$
By Gas Accounts paid	62.54
" R. Thomas Barron hand.	25.00
" Expenses Sundry	131.79
" Commission	45.47
" Salaries	206.66
" Reading Room	76.22
" Postages	9.63
" Thos Riddell for newspapers	129.86
" Jb Becker Printing	26.50
" Dawson Brothers Periodicals	73.83
" Hill & Green for Shelving Library	11.72
" B. Patton for Plumbing	12.55
" A. A. Murphy Returned Loan Interest	307.29
" Rent. Jas Brennan	275.00
" John McSennan Returned Loan by Special Subscriptions	110.00
" Balance of cash on hand, per cash Book May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1866	131.65
	<u>\$ 1629.71</u>

(Signed)

James Handman  
Treasurer

Treasurer's Report accompanying  
the above Statement.

" Montreal May 7/66

To the President & Directors  
of the Mercantile Library Association.

Gentlemen:—

The Finance  
Committee in presenting their Semi Annual  
Report, beg to draw your attention to the



The small amount that will remain on hand — \$ 169.36 — after the unpaid accounts paid by the Board of Directors, are paid, and taking into account the receipt of the subscriptions yet to collect, and due to the 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> next. —

The immediate current Expense of the Association will have to be provided from this slender source, and unless an accession of new members, or other Revenue be shortly obtained, the finances will be liable to lapse into the unsatisfactory state they have unfortunately been in for past years, and out of which we were through a Special effort apparently just emerging.

Economy for a time, till our prospective additional Revenue is realized, will do much to place the Association on a sound & permanent financial footing, in respect of those fluctuations of Membership, which more or less, periodically affect Institutions of like character.

Hon. Jas Young  
President

Respectfully Submitted  
(Signed) "James Henderson  
Treasurer  
"G. E. Jaynes Jr  
"Chairman"

W. H. Ironhorse  
Rec. Secretary



Minutes of General Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> May 1866

Minutes of an adjourned special, general meeting of the W. L. A. held in the Rooms of the Association, Thursday the 10 May 1866, at 8 P. M.

Present: The Hon Jno Young, <sup>(in the chair)</sup> President; Messrs Rimmer; McLennan; Sellar; G. E. Jaynes Jr; Murphy; Thomas; Adams; Patrick; Handman; Rees; Dutton; J. F. Jaynes; Inglis; W. Jaynes; W. Dougall; Roach; Graham; Farnell; Croil; Woodley; Patterson; Dalt. M<sup>r</sup> Arthur; Fielding; McCharg; Trunkelmann; & J. A. Clark.

Mr Young requested the Secretary to read his letter of resignation, & letter of withdrawal, after which he stated that under the circumstances he did not wish to occupy the chair & would therefore request Mr Rimmer to do so. Mr Rimmer then took the chair. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Sellar moved seconded by Mr Young: That the vote passed at the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> April in amendment to the Report of the Directors of the Association be reconsidered. Mr Murphy objected that the motion was not in order unless put with the consent of those who voted in the majority. The Chairman maintained Mr Murphy's objection.

It was then moved by Mr Sellar seconded by Mr Young that this meeting adjourn till Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> inst to reconsider the vote of the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> ~~inst~~ April in amendment to the Report of the Directors of the Association. Carried - Yeas 10. Nays 9. The meeting accordingly adjourned.

H. W. Trunkelmann  
Secy



Minutes of the General Meeting  
of the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1866.

Minutes of an adjourned General  
Meeting of the Association held in the  
Room of the Association Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 1866.

Present: The Hon. Jas. Young,  
President, Messrs Rimmer, Rees,  
Lyman, Thomas, Adams, Jacques,  
Patrick, Middlemiss, Murphy, Inglis,  
McGibbon, Stethem, Davis, Campion, Farness,  
Woodley, Graham, Beers, Mr. Arthur,  
J. F. Jacques, Patton, Date Treuharner.

Mr Rimmer occupied the chair:

The chairman stated that the meeting had been  
called in accordance with the Resolution  
of the previous Meeting for the purpose of  
reconsidering the vote of the 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Whereupon it was moved by the  
Hon. Jas. Young seconded by Mr. O. Rees  
& carried unanimously, That this Meeting  
is of opinion that in changing the existing  
By Laws of the Association the first consideration  
is, that no change be effected without, as far  
as possible, the consent & approval of all  
the members, & that with a view to  
attain so desirable an end, this Meeting,  
reconsidering the vote of the 27<sup>th</sup> April, do  
not, in consequence of a new system of By Laws  
having been prepared by the Secretary,  
pledge itself to the adoption of the By Laws  
then laid before the Meeting, but  
that all of the three plans be referred  
to a Committee of Seven to consist of  
Messrs Rimmer, Mr. Lyman, Jacques,  
Treuharner, Murphy, Thomas & the mover.  
with instructions to prepare & frame



prepare a Code of By Laws & to report  
to this meeting on Tuesday Evening  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> instant. At the request of Mr  
Thomas Mr Rees' name was substituted  
instead of Mr Thomas'. The meeting  
then adjourned.

H. W. Freshwater

Sec. Secy.

Minutes of a Special General Meeting of  
the Association held in the Rooms of the  
Association Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1866 at  
8 o'clock P.M.

Present: Mr Kimmer in the chair,  
Messrs M Lennan, Rees, Lyman, Murphy,  
Brampton, Date, Smith, McArthur, F. A. Jaynes,  
Patrick, Patterson, Woadley, Graham, Adams,  
Corrigan, Kemmer, J. F. Jaynes, Blake, Hetherington.  
The minutes of the meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup> were read by comparison.

Mr Kimmer read a letter from  
H which he had received from the President  
regretting his inability to be present at the  
Meeting & expressing the hope that the Report  
of the Special Committee appointed at last  
General Meeting be unanimously adopted  
& acted upon. The Report of the Special  
Committee mentioned was then read as  
follows: Your Committee beg leave to  
report that they have carefully considered  
the different Codes of By Laws referred to them  
& now recommend for adoption the Code  
drawn up by Mr Freshwater making however  
some slight alterations in the details.

It is much to be desired that such  
a thorough change in the <sup>system of</sup> ~~Managing~~ of  
the Association should not be made without  
as much as possible obtaining the unani-  
mous consent of all the Members; and



General Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> May

And your Committee have pleasure in stating that they are unanimous in recommending these By Laws & sincerely trust that they will be adopted. Your Committee also recommend that application be made to Parliament at its next Session for an Act to amend the act of Incorporation so as to alter the annual election of office bearers and Directors from the first Monday in December to the second Monday in April of each year. — The reasons for making this change are two fold. viz: first that the Board of Directors may be able to make arrangements during the summer for lectures to be delivered in winter and it is essential that the officers who make the arrangements should be in office to carry them out: — and secondly that at present the annual Report & Financial Statement have to be prepared in the month of November, when every one is busy prior to the close of navigation, and the Directors are often so pressed for time as to be unable to give that attention which the importance of the subject demands: and this difficulty would be obviated by having the Meeting in April.

The whole respectfully submitted  
(Signed)

To the President & Members  
of the Mercantile Socy. of  
Montreal

Montreal May 22. 1866.

John Young  
Chairman

H. W. Trenholme Judge & Jaynes  
G. E. Jaynes Junr  
J. Mc Lennan  
Thos Kimmen  
D. Rees  
A. A. Murphy



Moved by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Pees  
That this Report be received, Carried  
Moved by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Pees  
That the By Laws recommended by the Committee  
be read, Carried

The By Laws recommended by the Committee were then  
taken up in detail and passed as follows.

Section 1, passed

Section 2, passed to six clauses, Clause 1  
amended by inserting after the words "shall be  
appropriated for their use" the words "if found necessary  
by the Board, remaining clauses passed,

Section 3 passed, Section 4 passed,

Section 5 passed, with the following change in  
Clause 2. The words in parenthesis to be struck out  
and add after the word "duties" "also to appoint such"  
"other Officers or servants as they may deem necessary"  
In Clause 7 for word "dismiss" read "discharge"

Section 6, passed.

Section 7. In clauses 5 & 6 for "Assistant Secretary"  
read "Association" in each case, all other clauses passed

Section 8 passed

In Section 9, for "Persons not" read None, Section passed

Section 10 passed

In Section 11. Clause 1 Strike out words "or purchased  
by" and insert after word "Committee" the words "appointed  
by the Board of Direction, The remainder of Section  
11 passed. Section 12 passed

Moved by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Pees

That all previous By-Laws be repealed, and that  
the amended code of By-Laws now before the Meeting  
be adopted in their stead, Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rimmer, seconded by Mr. Adams  
That application be made to Parliament to alter  
time of Annual Meeting from December to April  
as recommended in Report of Committee, Carried

A. W. Ingham  
Secy -



The By-Laws as adopted by the meeting are as follows.

Section I. Of the Name and Seal of the Association

- \* 1. The Name of the Association shall be "The Mercantile Library Association of Montreal"
2. The Object of the Association shall be to afford to its Members, especially to its Clerk Members, the means of acquiring general information, and instruction in Science, Arts, Literature, and Mercantile knowledge
3. The Arms of the Association shall be as follows; on a field azure, a chevron d'or; in chief two books displayed, and in base, a Steamship passant on the waves of the sea - all proper; Crest - A hand holding a pen: Motto - "Vita sine literis Mortis est."
4. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, shall be authorized to sign all Acts, Deeds, and Papers, appertaining to the affairs of the Association, (after the same shall have been approved by the Board of Direction,) and to affix the common Seal of the Association thereto.

Section II. Of Members.

1. Any person may become a Member of the Association, by paying the necessary subscription, and obtaining a ticket of admission
2. The Subscription for Membership shall be as follows:  
Merchants, Five Dollars per annum  
Senior Clerks Four " " "  
Junior Clerks, Students, and Members under 21 years of age, Two Dollars per annum  
All other persons Five Dollars per annum
3. A payment of One hundred Dollars to the funds of the Association shall constitute the contributor a member for life
4. Each Member on payment of his contribution shall receive a ticket, which shall entitle him, during the period for which he may have subscribed, to all the privileges of the Association. This ticket he shall be bound to produce, when requested to do so, on visiting the Association



- 5 If a ticket shall be presented by a person not a Member, the officer to whom it may be presented shall detain it, and it shall be forfeited.
- 6 Persons may be elected Honorary Members at any General Meeting of the Association, and such persons shall be entitled to all the privileges of regular Membership except the right to vote and hold office.
- 7 Ladies shall be admitted to all the privileges of Membership except the right of voting at Meetings, or taking part in the management of the Association; a room shall be appropriated for their use, if found necessary by the Board, the subscription for Ladies shall be fixed at fifty Dollars for life or three dollars for one year.
- 8 No Member shall injure any of the property of the Association, or conduct himself in the Rooms in any way inconsistent with decorum.
- 9 In all cases, hereinafter not specially provided for, any Member who shall violate any of the By-Laws of the Association, shall make good all damage caused thereby, and in addition thereto, shall incur a penalty of One Dollar for each offence; but nothing in this By-Law shall be held to prevent the expulsion of any Member for violating any of the By-Laws, if such violation be of an aggravated character, or for repeated violation of the By-Laws, or in any of the cases mentioned in By-Law 5 of Section V.

### Section III. Of Meetings

- \* 1 A Meeting shall be held on the first Monday of December in each year, for the election of Officers, Treasurers, and the transaction of other business.
- \* 2 If from any reason the election shall fail to be held on the first Monday in December, as above, the President or Vice President for the previous year, shall call a meeting by public advertisement at which the said election shall be completed.
- 3 A General Meeting of the Members of the Association shall be held annually on the fourth Monday in



November, at which Meeting the Board of Direction shall make a Report of the previous year's proceeding with an abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure up to the time of the Meeting.

4 The President at the request of any five of the Board of Direction or at the written request of any twenty members, stating the reasons therefor, shall call a Meeting of the Association, by public advertisement inserted in two daily papers, at least six days previous to the Meeting. Such General Meeting shall have power only to transact the business expressed in the requisition.

5 At any general Meeting of the Association, Twenty Members shall form a Quorum.

#### Section IV. Of the Office Bearers.

1 The Office Bearers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ten Directors to be elected annually by ballot.

\* 2 The Office Bearers shall enter upon the discharge of their respective duties on the Monday succeeding their election.

3 The President shall preside at the Meetings of the Association, and at the Board of Direction.

4 The Vice President during the absence or illness of the President, shall perform all the duties of that officer, and in case of the absence or illness of both President and Vice President, the Board shall authorize one of its own members to perform the duties of President.

5 The Secretary shall, under the superintendence of the Board of Direction, conduct the correspondence of the Association, of which he shall keep a record. He shall also see that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Direction, and of all General Meetings of the Association, are correctly recorded.

6 The Treasurer shall take the general superintendence of the financial affairs of the Association, and shall sign all drafts on the bank account, along with the



Cashier, He shall from time to time examine the books and accounts kept by the Assistant Secretary and see that the same are regularly and accurately kept. He shall sign all receipts for Members' subscriptions, rents, and all other moneys paid to the Association, and shall submit to the Annual General Meeting of Members in November, a full statement of the financial position of the Association during the previous year.

7 The Treasurer shall with the consent of the Board of Direction, sue, in the Name of the Association, for all sums due to it.

### Section V. Of the Board of Direction

- 1 The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors, shall constitute a Board of Direction with full power to appropriate funds, perform all acts in accordance with the objects of, and conduct generally the affairs of the Association.
- 2 It shall be the duty of the Board to appoint an Assistant Secretary who shall also be the Cashier of the Association, and require of him sufficient sureties, in a sum not less than four hundred dollars, for the discharge of his duties; also to appoint such other officers or servants as they may deem necessary. They shall also dismiss at pleasure any officer or servant appointed under this By Law.
- 3 The Board shall meet on the first Monday in each month, and at such other times as they may be called together by the President, after due notice; five members of the Board shall form a quorum.
- 4 The President shall convene a meeting of the Board for any special purpose on receiving a written request to that effect from any five Members of the Board.
- 5 Whenever in the opinion of ten Members of the Board of Direction, the character or conduct of any Member is such as to be injurious to the interests or good name



of the Association, it shall be the duty of the Board to expel such Member, one week's notice of the charge against him, having been previously given him in writing by the Secretary; and any person so expelled shall not be again admitted as a Member of the Association without the special consent of the Board of Direction.

6 Whenever in the opinion of ten Members of the Board of Direction, the interests of the Association require the removal of any Member of the Board from office, or the expulsion of any Life Member on account of conduct, character, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Board to cause one week's notice of the charge to be given him in writing by the Secretary; and at the expiration of that time, or so soon thereafter as convenient, to lay the matter before a general meeting of the Association, and such general meeting shall thereupon decide in the matter of the said charge, and shall, if they see fit, remove the said officer from office or expel the said life member, as the case may be; and in case of the expulsion of a life member, such general meeting may also cause to be refunded to the member expelled, such portion of the moneys paid by him to the Association as they may deem proper. No life member expelled therefrom shall again be admitted as a member of the Association, unless by the consent of a general meeting.

7 The Board of Direction shall at all times have power to appoint from their own number, such Committee or Committees as they may deem necessary for the more effectual accomplishment of the objects of the Association and may, by the agency of such Committee or Committees, perform all acts relating to the ordinary business of the Association, which they themselves are competent to perform under these By Laws. They shall also have complete control over such Committees and shall have power to discharge the same at pleasure.



- 8 In cases of the absence or illness of the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the Board shall be authorized to fill these offices, pro tempore, from its own body.
- \*9 Should any vacancies occur in the Board of Direction, the remaining members thereof shall have full power to fill such vacancies till the next annual election, and notice of such election shall be given to the members.
- Section VI - Of the Assistant Secretary.

- 1 The Assistant Secretary shall convene all meetings, provided for by the Charter & By Laws of the Association or when required to do so by the President; he shall keep a regular minute book of the proceedings, keep the Books and accounts, Superintend the daily business of the Library and Reading Room, and give such other attendance, and perform such other duties relating to the business of the Association as the Board of Direction or their authorized Committee, may from time to time require. He shall lodge all moneys collected by him, belonging to the Association, as soon as they amount to \$40. in a deposit account with a Chartered Bank, in the name of the Association, and all cheques or drafts on such account must be signed by the Treasurer and himself.
- 2 He shall keep a full and accurate catalogue of the books belonging to the Association, which shall, at all times, be open to the inspection of the members.
- 3 He shall enter, in a book kept for that purpose, the number of every volume delivered by him, the name of the person to whom delivered, and the time of taking and returning the same together with the forfeitures arising from every default.
- 4 He shall take care that the regulations relative to the loaning of books be strictly adhered to, and collect all forfeitures incurred by the members, accounting for the same to the Treasurer at the close of each month.
- 5 He shall from time to time report to the Board of Direction the name of such members as may have lost or damaged any book belonging to the Library, or may have refused



- to pay the forfeitures incurred by them.
- 6 He shall replace the books in proper order upon the shelves, as soon as possible after they have been returned, having first examined them with care, and ascertained whether they have been injured or defaced.
  - 7 He shall ascertain at the end of each quarter, the books not then returned to the Library in due season; procure the same from the member in default; and, in case of his refusal, make the matter known to the Board of Direction.
  - 8 The Minute Book as well as all other books containing any record of the business of the Association shall always be open to any member of the Board of Direction.
  - 9 All books, furnishings, and other articles, required by the Association, shall be ordered by the Assistant Secretary, agreeably to the instructions he shall have received either from the Board of Direction or their Authorized Committee, and no article exceeding twenty Dollars in value shall be supplied without having competition by at least three tradesmen, unless it shall be otherwise determined by the Board of Direction.
  - 10 The Assistant Secretary shall require an account to be rendered along with every article at the time it is furnished, and he shall submit the same at the first Meeting of the Board of Direction; and after the account shall have been there approved of, and marked accordingly, it shall be paid.

#### Section VII. - Of the Library.

- 1 The Library shall be divided into two departments - one of books for reference, and the other of books for circulation, and shall consist of such books only as the Directors may approve of.
- 2 The Library shall be in charge of the Assistant Secretary, under the control of the Board of Direction. He shall be in attendance to receive and deliver books at such hours as may from time to time be determined on by the Board of Direction.
- ~~3 Section VIII shall be added for the purpose~~



~~of any book taken from the Library~~

- 3 No Member shall be entitled to draw a book from the Library, until he shall have paid all sums due by him to the Association, and make good all damages and losses that he may have occasioned
- 4 Fourteen days shall be allowed for the perusal of any book taken from the Library
- 5 Any Member who shall detain a book or pamphlet longer than the time above limited shall forfeit and pay to the Association, two cents for each day such book, or pamphlet is so detained
- 6 If any member lose or injure a book, he shall make the same good to the Library; and if the book lost or injured be one of a set, he shall pay to the Association the full value of said complete set, and may thereupon receive the remaining volumes as his property.
- 7 No member shall lend a book, belonging to the Association to any person out of the dwelling house or counting room of said member, under a penalty of fifty cents for each offence
- 8 Any member may be allowed the perusal of a book in the Rooms of the Association; but such book must be at once resigned to any member who may require it for perusal home
- 9 The books marked in the catalogue with an asterisk (\*), and such others as may from time to time be specially designated by the Board of Direction, shall not be taken from the Rooms, except by express permission of the Board.
- 10 No person, except members of the Board of Direction, shall remove a book, from its place in the Library, without the permission of the Assistant Secretary

#### Section VIII. Of the Reading Room

- 1 The Room shall be open every day (Sundays and holidays excepted) from 7 A. M. till 10 P. M., from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May till 1<sup>st</sup> November, and from 8 A. M. till 10 P. M. during the remaining six months



- 2 No Newspaper or other publication shall be admitted into the Room unless sanctioned by the Board of Direction, or by a Committee entrusted by them with the necessary powers.
- 3 A List of all the Newspapers, Periodicals, new Books, Books of Reference, and other publications, shall always lie on the table in the Reading Room; also a Book in which Members may enter the title, time, and place of publication, together with the Publisher's name, and the price of any book or periodical which they desire to have added to the Library; and a Book in which any suggestion or complaint in reference to the management of the Reading Room or Library may be entered.
- 4 No conversation shall be allowed in the Reading Room, otherwise than in a whisper; and no person shall be permitted to smoke in the Rooms.
- 5 Any person injuring any of the Periodicals or Papers placed in the Reading Room, shall be liable to a fine equal to double the cost thereof.
- 6 No Newspaper or any other publication shall on any account be removed from the Rooms, unless by the officer appointed to take charge of them.
- 7 Any member may have the privilege of introducing a friend, not resident in Montreal, to the Reading Room, for the term of four weeks; and the names of all persons thus introduced shall be registered in a book provided for that purpose.

#### Section IX. Of Lectures.

- 1 Lectures on subjects in accordance with the objects of the Association shall be delivered as frequently as the Board of Direction may deem expedient, and shall be free to Members. Non-Members of the Association may be admitted to Lectures, on payment of Two Dollars for each sessional ticket.

#### Section X. Of Classes.

- 1 Any twelve or more members of the Association joining



together for the study of any branches of literature, arts, science, or commercial education, may, with the consent of the Board of Direction, have the free use of the Class-Room at any hour not previously engaged.

2 Each Class shall appoint a Secretary, through whom all communications must be held with the Board of Direction.

### Section XI. - Of the Museum &c.

1 All Philosophical Apparatus, Specimens of Natural History, and Curiosities of Nature, or Works of Art, of any kind soever, presented to the Association, shall be placed under the charge of a Special Committee, appointed by the Board of Direction.

2 A Catalogue shall be kept of the contents of the Museum, stating how each article was acquired, mentioning the name of the donor, if it be a donation, and adding any interesting information that can be given concerning it.

3 None of the Philosophical Apparatus, or other articles belonging to the Museum shall be taken from the room, without the permission of the Committee, except such as may be required to illustrate any Lecture, given in connection with the Association.

### Section XII. - Of the Alteration of By-Laws

\* 1 No alteration shall be made in these By-Laws unless at a General Meeting of the Association.

\* 2 Notice of any proposed alteration must be placed in some conspicuous part of the Rooms of the Association, for at least a month previous to the meeting at which such motion shall be brought forward.

N. B. The By-Laws marked (\*) being provisions of the Act of Incorporation cannot be altered by any vote of the Association.

H. W. Imhof



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Direction  
held in the rooms of the Association, Bonaventure  
Street 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1866

Present Hon John Young, President in the  
Chair, Messrs McLennan, Rimmer, Murphy  
Jaques, Thomas & Pees.

Moved by Mr McLennan seconded by Mr Rimmer  
"That as no action has been taken on the resignation  
of Messrs Sellar & Stewart the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
it would be satisfactory to the Board that they  
should withdraw the same", Carried.

Moved by Mr Thomas seconded by Mr McLennan  
"That a Committee of five be now named to attend  
to the necessary outfit of the Rooms of the Association  
and all such other matters, (increasing the number  
of Members &c) as may be found necessary, such  
Committee to consist of the President,

Secretary, Mr Pees, Mr Murphy  
and Mr Thomas, Carried.

H. W. Trenholm

Secretary.

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of  
Direction, held in the Rooms of the Association 6<sup>th</sup>  
June 1866 Present

Hon John Young, President, in the Chair.

Messrs Corampr. Jaques. Murphy, & Trenholm

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and confirmed. The Board were of opinion, that  
the opening of Rooms should be deferred for the  
present. It was Resolved, that the Committee  
shall have power to make the necessary arrangements  
to secure a loan of Eight Thousand Dollars, and  
pay out of the same the sum of \$1680.00 now due on  
the building, so soon as the transfer may be effected  
from the present Trustees to the Association. Carried  
Resolved that the Committee be authorized to



purchase carpet for the Library, and leather  
selvage for the Book Shelves.

The Treasurers Statement of Receipts and  
Expenditure for the Month of May is as follows.

Balance on hands May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866 \$131.65

Receipts

Annual Subscriptions	\$ 74.50	
Chess Club	1. "	
Reading Room Acf. (paper sold)	3. "	78.50
		<u>210.15</u>

Expenditure

Expense Acf. (Insurance Gas &c.)	\$57.76½	
Postages	1.08	
Note of Association to J. A. McArthur taken up	43.35	
Salaries	41.34	
Commission	3.92	147.45½
Balance On hands June 1 <sup>st</sup> 1866	—	<u>\$62.69½</u>

Signed

James Hardman  
Treasurer

V. W. Ironholme  
Secretary

Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Direction  
held in the Rooms Bonaventure Street July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866  
Present Mr J. C. Sinton V. P. in the chair Messrs  
McLennan, Remmer, Pees, Jaques, Dyman and  
Ironholme

The Minutes of previous meeting were  
read and confirmed

The Special Committee reported verbally  
that the papers relating to the loan of \$8000. to be  
effected on the property of the Association, were in  
the hands of Mr. Beauchamp the Agent of the



Masson Estate, from which the loan was in a fair way of being obtained at seven per cent per annum.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for June was then read showing a balance on hands on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst of \$64.97

The accounts placed before the Board to be passed were referred to the Treasurer for examination

The Letter of Resignation of M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston the Assistant Secretary was then read, whereupon it was moved by M<sup>r</sup> McLennan seconded by

Mr Remmer "That M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston's Resignation be accepted and that the satisfaction of the Board be expressed to him at the faithful manner in which he has applied himself to the Discharge of his duties during the three years he has been connected with the Association" Carried

Upvoted by M<sup>r</sup> Pees seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Jaques "That the Secretary be authorized to advertise for applications for the situation of Assist<sup>t</sup> Secretary rendered vacant by the resignation of M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston" Carried

Upvoted by M<sup>r</sup> Pees seconded by M<sup>r</sup> Lyman "That M<sup>r</sup> Linton the new President be authorized to accept from the Trustees of the Building Fund of the Mercantile Library Association, the Transfer of the property on Bonaventure Street now held by them as trustees for the benefit of the Association, & to affix the seal of the Association to the necessary Deeds appertaining to the Transfer" Carried

The Treasurers Statement of Receipts & Expenditure for the month of June is as follows

To Balance from last month	\$62.69½
Receipts	
Annual Subscriptions }	
this month }	53.50
	<hr/> 116.19½



Forward

\$116. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$

Expenditure

By Expense Acf- this month } \$ c  
Washerwomen Paper Jacks &c } 4. 82 $\frac{1}{2}$

" Salaries 41. 33

" Commission Acf 2. 67

" Post Office Acf 2. 40

" Balance On hand

51. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$

\$64. 97

Signed

James Hardman

Treasurer

Secretary

Minutes of a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Association duly held according to notice on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1866 at 8.30. O'Clock P.M.  
Present, J. C. Sinton Esq. W. President in the Chair  
Messrs John Mc Lennan, Theo. Lyman, Dan J Rees, Jas. Stewart, N. W. Trenholme, S. Caldecott, C. F. Adams, Wm. Patrick, J. H. Henderson, Henry Burs, Dan Hutton, W. G. Beers, S. A. McDougall, Chas. Woodley, Geo. Graham, P. Williamson, W. D. Gardner, Joseph Jellyman, C. J. Kemp & W. H. Smith  
Moved by Mr. Theo. Lyman seconded by Mr. D. J. Rees and unanimously resolved that Mr. J. C. Sinton the Vice President, & Mr. N. W. Trenholme the Secretary, of the said Association be and they are hereby named & constituted the Agent & Agents of the said Association jointly or severally to become a party to sign seal execute & receive any deed of gift, grant, sale, transfer, or conveyance, from the Hon John Young, Peter Redpath & William Pratt, Mr. Laren or any one or more of them, of the real estate acquired by them as Trustees under a Deed of Sale from John Torrance and David Torrance, passed before Hunter and Colledge, Notaries Public of date the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1864, and of the new Buildings and premises thereon erected, such deed to be so received, subject to the



payment by the said Association of the sum of \$1680 to the Representatives of James Logan, and interest, being a Balance of plus de vaute, for which the said property is mortgaged, and subject also to the perfect exoneration and discharge of all the said Trustees, from all liability for payment of said sum or from or on account of their having acted as such Trustees"

Moved by Mr D. J. Rees Seconded by Mr C. K. Adams and unanimously resolved "That the sum of \$8000, be raised by mortgage on the property of the Association and that the balance due to the Building Fund, be first paid therefrom by the Treasurer, before any other appropriation"

W. H. Trenholme, Secy

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Direction held in the Rooms of the Association Monday July 16<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Present Mr G. C. Sinton. Vice President in the Chair  
Messrs Rimmer, McLennan, Hardman, Jaques, Rees Stewart, Lyman. Sellar & Trenholme.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed  
The applications for the office of Assistant Secretary were read and referred for further investigation to a committee to consist of the Vice President Mr McLennan Mr Hardman, Mr Lyman & Mr Stewart, said Committee to report within one week

Moved by Mr Lyman. Seconded by Mr Rimmer and Resolved that Mr Hardman be added to the Special Committee of arrangement

G. Jaques  
Trenholme



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Direction  
held in the Rooms of the Association 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1886  
Present J. C. Anton V. President in the Chair  
Messrs Mc Lennan, Rimmer, Lyman, Rees  
Sellar, Stewart, Jaques. Hardman & Cramp  
Moved by Mr Rimmer Seconded by Mr Stewart  
That <sup>from the City</sup> ~~in the absence~~ of Mr Trenholme, Mr Jaques  
be requested to act as Secretary, Carried  
Moved by Mr Cramp Seconded by Mr Hardman  
That Mr Nich<sup>d</sup> H. J. Westby be appointed  
Assistant Secretary to the Association at a salary  
of \$450. per annum subject to the conditions contained  
in the By-Laws of the Association more especially  
to By-Law No 2 Section Five, Carried  
Moved by Mr Stewart Seconded by Mr Mc Lennan  
That the Special Committee appointed by the  
Board on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May last and for the purposes  
as recorded in the minutes of that date, be requested  
to report, the amount of Goods &c ordered by  
them, at the next monthly meeting to be held  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, and that they be instructed to incur  
no new liabilities unless previously sanctioned  
by the Board. Carried

Moved by Mr Rimmer. Seconded by Mr Mc Lennan  
That Messrs Sellar, Rees & Stewart be requested  
to continue their services as a Reading Room  
Committee and prepare a Report on the state  
of the Room at the next monthly meeting, Carried  
Moved by Mr Lyman Seconded by Mr Rimmer  
That the Treasurer be authorised to contract for  
such quantity of Lehigh Coal as may be required  
during the ensuing winter

J. Jaques  
Secy



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board  
of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held on  
Monday Evening August 6<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Present. J. C. Linton, <sup>in the</sup> Chair

Messrs. Rees, Sellars, Lyman, Hausman, and Jaques.

The Minutes of the Meetings held from & on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Octobers were read and confirmed.

Mr. Linton read a letter addressed to Mr. Westley  
appointing him Assistant Secretary, the following of which  
is a copy.

Mercantile Library Association

Montreal July 24<sup>th</sup> 1866

N. H. I. Westley Esq

Sir I beg to inform you that the Board of Directors  
have appointed you to the office of Assistant Secretary at a salary  
of \$450 per annum, payable monthly, subject to the provisions  
contained in the By-Laws of the Association, a Copy of which  
I enclose, and to which I would call your attention especially  
to Section Five, Clause 2.

You will be expected to enter on the discharge  
of the duties of the Office on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August next.

If you determine to accept the Office under the  
terms and conditions mentioned, please reply by letter stating  
your acceptance, Yours truly, N. W. Tenholme, Secretary  
per J. W. Lethbride, Assist. Secretary.

The following reply from Mr. Westley accepting the  
Office was then read.

146 St. Antoine Street July 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

N. W. Tenholme Esq - Secretary

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt  
of your communication of the 24<sup>th</sup> Inst and beg leave to state  
that I accept the Office as Assistant Secretary of the Mercantile  
Library Association on the terms therein expressed.

I have the honor to be, Sir Your obedient servant

N. H. I. Westley.

On the question of taking out guarantee Policy for Assistant  
Secretary was left in abeyance for the present.



The Chairman then read a letter from John Rose  
~~Spence~~ which is as follows:-

Ottawa 19<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Sir I have seen the Attorney General and the  
Commissioner of Customs regarding your Petition, and I hope  
the recommendation will be made in favour of granting  
it in a day or two.

I will endeavour to press it through.

Yours truly  
John Rose

Also the following letter from Mr. McNab, which was  
laid over the table for further consideration:-

Office of the Corn Exchange.

Montreal 12<sup>th</sup> July 1866

Hon: John Young

Sir As the not a member of the  
Mercantile Library Association I trust you will pardon  
the liberty I take in making a suggestion which if  
carried out, would be of very great advantage to that  
Association in a pecuniary point of view, and would  
supply a great want in Montreal.

At present the Association only aims at a  
place of reference for Mercantile and Literary purposes,  
now what I would propose is that in addition to the  
Reading Room and Library a Collection or Museum  
of Industrial products should be formed, take for  
example India Rubber, a dried specimen of the plant  
would be exhibited, with the Rubber in its manufactured  
state as shown by samples of the manufactured articles,  
Flax and all the industrial products of this and other  
Countries in the same way.

I would have all samples of the best des-  
cription so that they might be referred to as standards. A  
Museum of the kind in connection with the Reading Room  
and Library would I feel sure do much to make the institution  
popular, and could be got up at a trifling cost to the  
Association.

Trusting -



Trusting you will accept this suggestion in the spirit in which it is made viz a desire to benefit the public.

Yours truly  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Li Chun Ched<sup>l</sup> Secy<sup>r</sup> Signed Thomas McEwen

After which a letter was read from the Mercantile Library Association Portland of which the following is a copy.

Mercantile Library Association Portland.

July 27, 1866

Dear Sir In common with hundreds of other Buildings the one occupied by our Association, was destroyed by fire on the night of July 4<sup>th</sup>

Our entire Library of Books, all the Furniture and Pictures in our Rooms were burned.

At a meeting of the Directors, it was "voted" that the President write to your Association soliciting a list of your duplicate Books that you would dispose of, naming price of each volume - We intend starting a new room as suitable Rooms can be procured.

Very truly Yours. /Sgd/ Eben Corry

To the President

President

of the Mercantile Library Association  
Montreal.

Secretary instructed to reply that we have no duplicate Books.

An answer to the Secretary's Letter to Messrs A & C. Black, Edinburgh respecting the probable cost of supplying the new Edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica to the Association was read but no action was taken for the present.

Reading Room Committee was authorized to procure a new Produce Book.

Secretary was authorized to procure a new Minute Book.

Treasurer's statement received ordered on file.

Mercantile Library Association  
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure  
for the month of July.



To Balance on hand from last month \$64.97

Receipts

To Annual Subscriptions \$76.00

Reading Rooms &c

Sale of Papers, Furniture } 28.52 104.52

\$169.49

Expenditure

By Expense &c

Registry fee, Express Co. }

Lamps & Coal Oil &c } \$19.71 1/2

Post Office &c .73

Sundries &c "Globe" 7.20

Salaries 41.33

Commission &c 3.80 72.77 1/2

Balance Carried to next month \$-96 71 1/2

Signed

J. Hardman, Treasurer, Merc. Lib. Association

The following Report from Reading Rooms Committee was read, and on Motion of Mr. Selous was received

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Report of the Reading Rooms Committee of the Mercantile Library Association

After considering the Resolutions passed at the last Meeting of the Board, your Committee on careful enquiry into the librs, and consulting the late Superintendent as to the papers read generally are of opinion that only about a dozen papers and periodicals can be dispensed with, making a saving of about \$100 per year -

However until the Rooms are all ready and the list of papers is made well known, your Committee would recommend delaying the restriction for two or three months, when it will be positively known what papers will be read most.

Moved by Mr. Lyman seconded by Mr. Ingers. That a copy list of all the Papers received at the



Reading Room be painted and arrangement made, with different Newspapers to put a copy in each paper, in order to give as wide a publicity as possible to the names of those received.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Laques seconded by Mr. Hardman -  
That the following Standing Committees be appointed

<u>Treasure</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Reading Room</u>
Hardman	McLennan	Rees
Laques	Murphy	Sellars
Rimmer	Stewart	Lynman

It was decided not to appoint a Lectures or Class Committee for the Present.

Moved by Mr. Sellars, seconded by Mr. Laques.

That the use of the Committee Rooms as also of the Reading Room be granted to the Members of the Canadian Press Association for their Annual Meeting to be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August next, and also the use of the Reading Room to the Sabbath School Convention to be held here in September next.

Carried.

Mr. Rees stated that in absence of the Hon. John Gunning the Committee could not present the Report wanted, as to debts incurred & as required by resolution of Board at last meeting.

Mr. Hardman reported having purchased thirty tons of coals at \$7.50 payable by note at three months date.

Moved by Mr. Rees, seconded by Mr. Hardman.

That we invite the Officers of Her Majesty's Navy now in Port to the use of the Reading Room.

Carried.

Mr. Hardman, Treasurer was authorized to pay Water and Gas accounts.

To Allow Committee of Arrangement time to prepare a report.

Adjourned

To Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Instant.

By J. J. J. & Secretary on Com.



Minutes of an Adjourned Meeting of the Board  
of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association held  
on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1866.

Present, J. C. Sinton Esquire, Vice President, in the Chair.  
Messrs McLeunan, Quinn, Jaques and Sellar.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on  
Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> instant, read and confirmed.  
The Secretary read letters which he had received from  
Captain Hood of H. M. S. Pylades and Commanders  
Berstume of H. M. S. Rosario expressing thanks for the  
use of the Reading Rooms.

A Statement was laid before the Board  
drawn up by Mr. Redpath, Treasurer of the Building Fund  
showing a disbursement of \$13,426<sup>64</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and a Collec-  
tion of \$13,868<sup>22</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, Loans of \$4000<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, Balances  
due Treasurer \$558<sup>39</sup>/<sub>100</sub>, against which he holds, 22 Mining  
note due October 7<sup>th</sup> for \$125<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> and another note just  
due for \$25<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

Hiltons account was duly read but no  
action taken at present. A letter was read from the Hon. John  
this resignation was accepted and going resigning the office of President.  
It was unanimously resolved that the  
Secretary be requested to express to the Hon. John Spring  
the regret of the Directors that his resignation should be  
necessary, and further to express the deep sense entertained  
by the Board of the valuable and long continued ser-  
vices rendered by him to the Institution.

Adjourned  
J. C. Sinton  
Secretary Pro tem.



Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the  
Mercantile Library Association held on Thursday the  
23<sup>rd</sup> day of August A.D. 1866

Present, J. C. Sinton Esquire, Vice President, in the Chair  
Messrs. McLennan, Rimmer, Thomas and  
Jaques

Mr. Sinton, Reported that the transfer of the Property  
had been made from the Trustees to the  
Association

Mr. Sinton was authorized to grant a Note at Three Months  
to J. W. Sinton for \$600<sup>00</sup> on account not retired  
by him and open account

Ballot was taken for election of President and resulted  
in an unanimous vote for Mr. Peter Redpath

Adjourned

J. C. Sinton

Secy. R. P. Sinton

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors  
held in the Rooms of the Mercantile Library Association  
on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September A.D. 1866 at 4 P.M.

Present, Peter Redpath Esquire, President, in the Chair  
J. C. Sinton Esquire, V. President, Messrs. Rimmer,  
McLennan, Hardman, Rees, Jaques, Stewart  
and Leachman

The Minutes of the Previous Meeting were  
read and Confirmed

The Treasurers Statement of Receipt and  
Expenditure for the Month of August last past was  
then read and was as follows



# Mercantile Library Association

## Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the Month of August 1866.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance on hand	\$ 8	By Expenses of	
for last month	96.71 1/2	Sundries	7.05 1/2
" Annual Subsc <sup>ns</sup>		Moving Furniture	10.00
received	11.94	Martin's Rate	32.30
" Reading Room of		By Salary of	58.15 1/2
Sundries rec <sup>d</sup>	1.75	Boys Wages	8.00
		By Bal <sup>ce</sup> on hand	44.25
	<u>\$110.40 1/2</u>		<u>\$110.40 1/2</u>

The Secretary reported that he had the assurance of Mr. Bandy that the Association would receive the loan of Eight thousand dollars so soon as they had given him a clean title which they would be able to do judging by the letter received from the Attorney General's Department, Ottawa, about the end of the present week.

Mr. Sinton presented an approximate statement of the liabilities of the Association showing a debt of over \$10,000.

The President, Vice President and Treasurer were appointed a Committee to ascertain the Liabilities and make a statement of the financial position of the Association.

It was agreed that each Member of the Board should endeavor to make sale of as many Tickets as possible with a view to raise funds for the support and improvement of the Association. The President was authorized to have the name of the Association lettered on the doors.

Mr. Pinnes undertook to procure a list of the unpaid Subscriptions and the Secretary was ordered to make out a list of the Old Life Members and to acknowledge the receipt from the Hon. Provincial



Secretary of the Geological Maps of Canada and  
express to him the thanks of the Directors for the  
same.

It was agreed that the Matting purchased  
for the Reading Room should be paid if possible  
by Mr. Linton.

The Meeting then Adjourned.

N. W. Linton  
Secretary.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board  
of Direction held in the Rooms of the  
Association Monday Oct. 1st 1866.  
Present Peter Redpath Esq. in the Chair.  
Messrs. J. G. Gordon Esq. V.P.  
Messrs. Rimmer Rees, Murphy, Fayes  
Thomas & Linton.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting  
were read & confirmed.

Mr. Murphy stated that his Report  
of the old life Members was not yet completed  
but that he would be prepared to lay it  
before the Board at its next Meeting.

Mr. Rees reported that the Newspapers  
refused to publish a separate advertisement  
of the papers & periodicals of the Ass<sup>n</sup>.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Beaudry  
had informed him that the Masson Estate  
would not be able to raise the Loan ap-  
plied for by the Ass<sup>n</sup> until the 1<sup>st</sup> of December  
next: but that the McGill University were  
prepared to advance the money provided  
a reasonable time were allowed them  
to raise the balance over & above the three  
thousand & dollars (\$3000). which they  
would pay over to the Ass<sup>n</sup> forthwith.  
Whereupon it was moved by



by Mr Rimmer Seconded by Mr Rees resolved:  
That the Association that the <sup>for some years</sup> accept a  
Loan of from Eight to Ten Thousand Dollars,  
as may be found necessary, at seven per cent  
per annum on its equivalent provided the University  
pay over the balance over & above the three thou-  
sand to be paid in hand within thirty days or  
receive back at the end of that time the money  
already paid over: and that the President be  
authorized to grant the Notes of the Association for  
the installments that may be received to complete  
the Loan until such time as the whole sum  
shall be received & the Mortgage be executed.

Moved by Mr Lyman Seconded by Mr  
Rimmer That the President Vice President  
Treasurer & Secretary form a committee  
to attend to the Loan & matters connected therewith

It was also agreed that in the event  
of the Loan not being obtained from the University  
the Committee should have full power to secure  
a loan from whatever quarter they might be  
able to do so on the same terms as mentioned  
above. The Secretary was instructed to perform  
the following acts: Ascertain correct information  
as to the insurance on the Building, Acquaint  
Mr Hopkins with the defective state of part of the  
Brick work, Water closets, & Fin Spaces; Hire  
a man to attend the Furnaces & keep the premises  
in order. To call the attention of the Architect to the  
Warden Monte Ricus in the Library, and  
in conjunction with Mr Lyman to secure if  
possible a reduction in the assessments on  
the Building. Mr Rimmer undertakes to  
ascertain ~~informs~~ by enquiring the merits of  
brass Patent Gas & to report at the  
next meeting. The Superintendent was  
authorized to make such changes as he



# Attendance of Directors 1863-4

Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 21<sup>st</sup>

Mon. John Young	President	"	"
S. Caldecott	Vice do	"	"
E. Judge	Cor. Sec.	"	"
Amblerwright	Rec. Sec.	"	"
G. V. Jaques Jr	Treasurer	"	"
J. W. Ritchie	Director	"	"
R. Thomas	"	"	"
J. L. Steek	"	"	"
H. Shaw	"	"	"
Theo. Lyman	"	"	"
R. G. Hector	"	"	"
J. Stewart	"	"	"
P. H. Burton	"	"	"
W. P. McLaren	"	"	"
John McCannan	"	"	"
A. A. Murphy	" resigned and replaced	"	"

He sees fit in engaging corner to wash and the Rooms. It was also agreed that the members of the Ass<sup>n</sup> should be allowed to use the Large Room in the Basement as a conversation & smoking Room provided it can be so used without inconvenience to non smoking members of the Ass<sup>n</sup> & without any expenditure to the Ass<sup>n</sup> for seats &c.

The following accounts were passed & ordered to be paid:  
 Post Office A/c, N. Y. Albion, Roberts & Reinhold  
 Angus & Lagon, Penny & Wilson 98cts. and  
 the assessments. Mr Willins a/c was referred  
 to Mr Rees for further particulars - Mr Mason  
 Mr Mitchell Messrs Nicholls and Broken were  
 required to bring their a/c until the Ass<sup>n</sup> shall  
 have received the Loan. The subject of leasing the  
 Room to Mr Baynes, as also that of adding to the



Jan'y 14<sup>64</sup> Jan'y 18<sup>64</sup> Jan'y 25<sup>64</sup>

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by D. H. McLeannan

to the Books in the Library was postponed  
Mr Handman not being present nothing  
was done in the matter of the statement  
of the Librarians of the Assoc<sup>n</sup> -

N. W. Furuholm  
Secretary

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library  
Association held in the Rooms of the Assoc<sup>n</sup>  
Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1866 at 4 P.M.

Present Peter Redpath Esq<sup>r</sup> President  
in the chair, J. S. Linton Esq<sup>r</sup> Vice President  
Messrs Kimmner McLeannan Handman Thomas  
Langens & Furuholm -

The President stated that the  
Meeting had been called for the purpose  
of definitely settling the appropriation of the



the three thousand dollars received on  
the Loan as also the business connected  
with the Loan Building Room. Whereupon it was moved by Mr  
McLennan seconded by Mr. Kimmner  
unanimously resolved: "That  
inasmuch as the Directors convinced of the  
absolute necessity of paying off the existing  
debts due for building provision, have  
resolved to effect a Loan exceeding the  
authorized Loan of \$8000 by a sum  
sufficient to enable them to do so, and  
as the authorities of McGill College are  
apparently willing to lend the requisite  
amount. The President Vice President  
Treasurer Secretary be & are hereby  
authorized to receive the money and  
to pay off the aforementioned debts in  
such order of priority as to them seems  
advisable, on certificate of the Architect,  
& to report all such payments to the next  
general meeting of the Board."

The Meeting then adjourned -

V. W. Penchance  
Secretary











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